

Shamir blasts those who'd give up areas

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said yesterday that those who want the government to conduct talks with Jordan on Jordanian-Palestinian sovereignty over the administered territories, as well as Jerusalem, are not acting in the country's best interests.

In a political statement before the Knesset, Shamir said that while Israel is ready to hold peace talks with any Arab government, it would not promise to renounce its sovereignty over Eretz Yisrael.

In countries close to Israel, there is unfortunately no discernible sign of an honest effort to promote the political processes that are likely to lead towards greater peace and stability," Shamir said. "Ideological and practical inertia among the Arab nations prevent them from taking

any steps towards responding to Israel's willingness to sit at the negotiating table together with any Arab country."

Unfortunately, Shamir said further, "those among us who hint to the Jordanian monarch in various ways that if and when they hold the helm of power in Israel there would be something to talk about, are working against the interests and the future of the State of Israel."

On the recurrent threats from Syria, Shamir said that if the intention is to heat up the atmosphere, Syria should know that Israel would not be provoked into firing the first shot.

The warm reception given to the visiting Israelis last week by the Moroccan authorities indicates the growing acceptance in the Arab world of Israel's independent exist-

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Premier defends settlers but slams underground

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
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Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said yesterday there was no justification for branding the entire settlement movement for the sins of individuals.

Speaking in the Knesset, Shamir said that "in the course of the investigations... it has become clear that this is a small group of people who were tempted into taking this aberrant path. The decisive majority of the settlers of Judea and Samaria, the Golan Heights, and the Gaza sector disassociate themselves from these acts without reservation."

The premier praised "the swift and effective action of the General Security Services (which) prevented a catastrophe. Besides heavy losses in human life, the lunatic deeds which were prevented could have caused terrible damage to the State of Israel, its political struggles, its standing, and its security."

"The settlement of Judea and Samaria could also have suffered heavy damage," Shamir said.

He expressed the hope that the

discovery of "this dangerous manifestation" would prevent the repetition of such acts.

Labour Party leader Shimon Peres, speaking after Shamir, said the terrorist acts against Arabs were a "moral catastrophe for us all."

"Anyone who thinks that Jewish terror can solve our problems with the Arabs," Peres continued, "is really saying to the Arabs that Arab terror can do the same thing from the Arab standpoint. Anyone who shoots at Arab civilians makes it difficult for us to mobilize opposition to the shooting of our civilians. Just as Arab terror would not overpower Israel, so Jewish terror would not bring security to Israel."

Zvi Shiloah (Tehiya) said that "terror will not solve any substantive problem." He said it was unfortunate that the government had ignored the warnings of Rabbi Moshe Levinger that the shaky security situation in Judea and Samaria could lead Jewish youths to take such steps and expressed the hope that Levinger would soon be released, absolved of all suspicion.

Four get life in prison for murder of yeshiva student

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Nablus military court yesterday sentenced four young Palestinians to life imprisonment after finding them guilty of the murder of a 19-year-old yeshiva student, Aharon Gross, in the old market of Hebron last July. Four other accomplices were sentenced to between 10 and 25 years imprisonment each for their part in the attack or for membership in the fundamentalist Islamic terrorist organization all claimed to belong to.

Gross's murder by stabbing

sparked off a wave of violence in Hebron. The same evening Arab-owned stalls in the market were torched by the settlers and the army has since seized the nearby bus station which the settlers are now demanding in order to expand their presence in the centre of the city.

Three weeks later there was an attack by gunmen on the Hebron Islamic University, in which three people died and 33 were wounded. Several people detained recently by the General Security Service and the police in connection with the so-called Jewish underground active in the West Bank have been remanded on suspicion of involvement in that attack.

Apart from the charge of premeditated murder the several other counts of violence, the accused were found guilty on the basis of their own statements declaring membership in al Jihad al-Islami, an organization which aimed to establish an Islamic society, by force if necessary, in the whole

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Gandhi urges peace after 91 die in religious riots

BOMBAY (AP). — Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, after touring areas torn by Hindu-Muslim rioting that has claimed at least 91 lives in five days, appealed yesterday for peace and religious tolerance and said, "It is the poor who always suffer."

"The first thing, is to restore calm and remove fear and suspicion," the 66-year-old leader told a news conference after touring Bhiwandi, Thane and parts of Bombay.

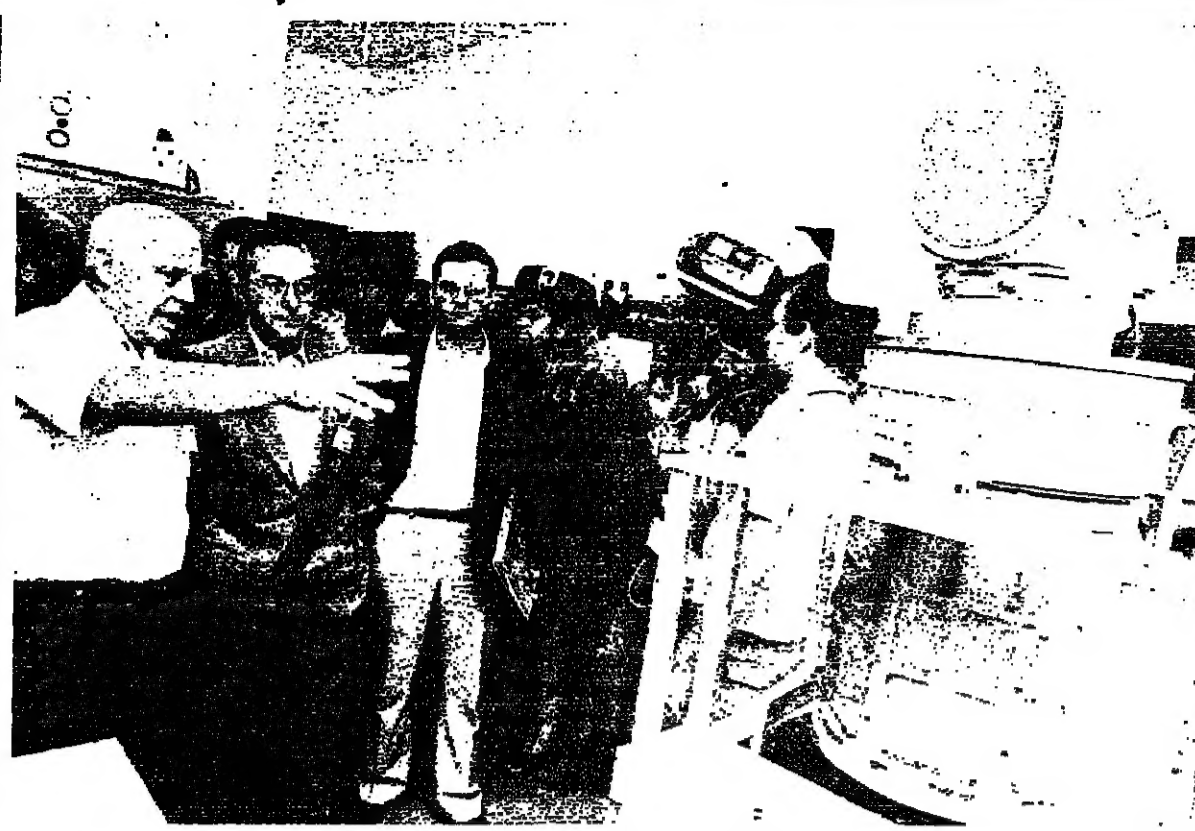
India, she said, has a long tradition of religious tolerance.

"Today this is even more necessary than ever," she said. "It is important that the country holds together, that nothing takes place that weakens political unity, unity of purpose, unity in the face of many dangers."

The riots are believed to be the worst communal bloodletting in India in 14 years. They were the first major Hindu-Muslim riots in Bombay, a city of 8.5 million where army troops were patrolling several districts. More than 200 have been injured and 1,200 arrested.

Underdeveloped countries are especially vulnerable to such tensions, Gandhi said.

"All of us, regardless of religion, geographic area, caste or creed have



Defence Minister Moshe Arens (second from left) yesterday takes a close first look at the new Spirtas shipboard air-defence system. (Simonsky, Israel Sun)

'Spirtas' claimed to be accurate, undetectable

Naval air-defence device unveiled

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

NESS ZIONA. — EL-OP, a local electro-optics manufacturer, yesterday unveiled what it claims is a unique air-defence system for ships.

Called Spirtas, which stands for Shipboard Passive Infra-Red Target Acquisition System, the new device reportedly provides long-range detection of low-flying anti-ship missiles and aircraft, while remaining undetectable to the enemy.

Defence Minister Moshe Arens yesterday saw a demonstration of Spirtas at the EL-OP plant. While its range remains classified, Spirtas is said to provide highly accurate target location and threat assessment, while weighing and costing less than conventional systems.

Unlike conventional radar, which emits and bounces radio waves off the target, Spirtas sends out infrared signals, which are passive and virtually undetectable by the target being tracked. According to com-

pany officials, no other country — including the U.S. — has developed such a system.

The Spirtas sensor head is mounted at the top of a ship's mast, where it scans the horizon. Computer-processed data is displayed at a video terminal operated by one sailor. The new system has already proved its operational reliability in extensive sea trials.

Akiva Meir, EL-OP general manager, said yesterday the company hopes to sell Spirtas to a number of countries. Arens visited the plant primarily to inaugurate a wing built to handle projected orders of \$75 million this year, up from \$17m. in 1979. The company's work force has doubled since 1979 to 1,200.

Although Meir praised the Israel Defence Forces and Defence Ministry for ordering the company's products, he criticized a recent ministry decision to cut back on defence orders, "especially when the Minis-

try of Defence receives equipment free from the Americans."

He warned Arens that without a strong home-based defence industry, "we will not be able to compete in world markets and to develop new systems that are unique. Instead, we will be left with producing spare parts." Meir asked Arens to give priority to Israeli manufacturers.

Arens joked in reply that Meir is "always complaining, and maybe this is the secret of how he has managed to make this plant into a success story." The minister promised a solution to the cutbacks, but added: "It is understandable that every Israeli plant would like to receive more orders."

Arens also announced that the U.S. has agreed to let Israel use \$250m. in aid money for defence industry development projects. He added that many U.S. firms have expressed interest in operating in Israel.

Motorola finds Israel good for business

By DAVID KRIVINE
Post Economic Correspondent

Robert Galvin, world chairman of Motorola and the biggest foreign investor in local industry, yesterday told the Jerusalem Economic Conference that investing in Israel is good business.

Motorola's Israeli subsidiary is 20 years old and "it was an excellent placement," Galvin observed. "I want to pay tribute before this forum to my associates in Israel, who rank as the most remarkable of the people with whom I share the stewardship of Motorola's affairs."

"The Israeli government has been honourable, living up to its intentions and its words. The institutions surrounding us here are more adequate than in other places," he stated. Headquartered in Chicago, Motorola has production facilities in 35 countries.

Prof. Yosef Singer, president of the Technion, warned about an imminent shortage of engineers in the country. A study has predicted that in the decade 1983-92 the universities will supply 12,100 working engineers, to fill an expected demand for 17,500.

He took some consolation from a new trend towards a greater use of technicians. "There is today one

engineer per 1.5 technicians, but the ratio appears to be dropping to one engineer for every two technicians," Singer said.

Most conference speakers feel the future of industry lies with "high tech," the phrase they used to describe science-based industries. Lionel Olmer, U.S. under-secretary of commerce, pointed out that nine out of the 10 fastest growing industries in the U.S. are high-tech

industries.

"Labour productivity in that sector has been rising at six times the average rate in the American economy," Olmer said, adding that the "deficit in America's balance of payments is expected to reach \$100 billion this year, which accentuates the need for expanding our sophisticated export industries."

Science and Development Minister Yuval Ne'eman listed

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South Lebanon Army to discuss replacing IDF

SIDON (AP). — Gen. Antoine Lahad, commander of the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army, plans to go to Israel this week to negotiate a take-over of some positions from Israeli troops, sources with links to Lahad's militia said yesterday.

The sources said that Lahad would be talking about his 2,000-man mili-

tia taking over the crossing over the Awali River, north of Sidon and other unspecified positions now held by Israeli troops.

Lahad had said last Tuesday that his militia would soon be ready to take over Sidon and other areas of South Lebanon from the Israeli army.

Liberal-Herut rift seemingly unbridgeable

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The rift between Herut and the Liberal Party appeared irreparable yesterday. Barring any new developments, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir will not appear before the Liberal Central Committee today, as was originally planned.

Talks between the parties yesterday were deadlocked. Liberal leader Yitzhak Moda'i declared that he is sticking to this proposal for a separate Liberal ticket, and some in Herut are already saying "good riddance" to their Liberal partners. No further meeting has thus far been arranged between the parties.

The Herut and Liberal negotiating teams met yesterday morning in the wake of Moda'i's bombshell on Sunday at the Liberal Central Committee when he advocated the abrogation of the agreement with Herut and the establishment of a separate Liberal Knesset list. Moda'i's proposal completely surprised Herut negotiators, who had been led to believe only three hours before the Liberal Central Committee session that an agreement had been finalized between the parties. Also surprised were the other five Liberal ministers, all of whom were also under the impression that the difficulties between Herut and the Liberals had been ironed out.

If Moda'i convinces the Liberal Central Committee that the party

should bolt the Likud, Herut plans to appeal to 10 of the Liberals' present Knesset members, including several ministers, and ask them to join the Likud list under Herut as individuals.

In this way, the Likud would not lose the campaign funds and TV time allocated to the Liberals for its 17 MKs.

Among those whom Herut would like to invite to join its lists are Justice Minister Moshe Nissim, Trade Minister Gideon Patt and Tourism Minister Avraham Shafir.

The problem then would be which of the groups — those staying with Herut, or those leaving it — would represent the Liberal Party and how the Liberals' considerable assets would be divided.

Herut sources have made it clear that they are quite willing to go to the election without the remaining seven Liberal MKs and ministers.

The two sides met yesterday in a very strained atmosphere and their talks were concluded with what was described as the deepest ever crisis in their 19-year partnership.

The Herut team was led by Deputy Premier David Levy, MKs Yoram Andor and Ronnie Milo. The Liberals were again represented by Moda'i and Nissim. Nissim was described by participants at yesterday's talks being "extremely subdued and all but silent. The talking for the Liberal side was done by Moda'i, and Moda'i made it clear from the outset that

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Navon seems nearly certain to be Labour's choice for FM

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The near consensus in the Labour Party is that should Labour be returned to power this summer, former president Yitzhak Navon will be foreign minister. A number of very highly-placed party sources now say that Navon has "the firmest possible undertakings" about the foreign affairs portfolio, although these have not been officially publicized.

Labour wants to refrain from announcing anything to avoid provoking former foreign minister Abba Eban, who was a candidate for the portfolio in the 1981 elections and has regarded himself as a natural for the nomination this time around.

Eban is reportedly already very bitter, despite official denials that

anything has been finalized about any portfolio, apart from party leader Shimon Peres' candidacy for premier and Yitzhak Rabin's for defence minister.

Labour strategists are already seeking some sort of compensatory role for Eban to stave off conflict. One idea mooted is that Eban be given the role once earmarked in the Likud government for the NRP's Yosef Burg — minister for autonomy affairs.

In the Labour scheme of things, this new position would not be called the autonomy portfolio. If Eban accepts the job he would be known as minister for peace and the territories. But the offer has not yet been made to Eban, who is on record as

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Two Katyushas fall in eastern Lebanon

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
MÉTULLA. — Two Katyusha rockets fell early yesterday near the village of Baaloul in the eastern sector of Lebanon, in IDF-held territory east of Lake Karoun. There were no injuries.

The rockets were apparently launched from inside IDF-held territory

and a search was mounted. There have been several instances in the past of Katyushas being fired at IDF bases in Lebanon, mostly in the eastern sector.

In Sidon, an IDF soldier was slightly wounded early yesterday when light-arms fire was directed at an army convoy in the town.

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THE WEATHER

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	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
	Humidity	Min-Max	Max
Jerusalem	25	19-29	30
Golan	20	12-28	30
Nahariya	20	18-27	29
Safed	20	17-25	26
Haifa Port	22	16-23	25
Tiberias	22	15-20	21
Nazareth	22	14-21	21
Afula	22	14-21	21
Shomron	22	14-21	21
Tel Aviv	22	14-21	21
B-G Airport	22	14-21	21
Jericho	22	14-21	21
Caesarea	22	14-21	21
Beersheva	22	14-21	21
Eilat	22	22-39	40

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

The new Apostolic delegate, Archbishop Monsignor Carlo Coris, yesterday called on Jerusalem mayor Teddy Kollek.

MK Dov Ben-Meir, head of the Israel-Germany Parliamentary Friendship Group, hosted a lunch yesterday at the Knesset for a German group from Zehlendorf, headed by Dr. Martin Quilisch.

Six members of the Knesset who are observers to the Council of Europe yesterday hosted a lunch in honor of Francis Rosenstiel, head of the Political Research Department of the council of Europe. Also attending the lunch was Prof. Shlomo Shoham, lecturer in criminology at Tel-Aviv University.

Four research grants and 20 prizes for masters and doctoral students at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem totalling \$100,000 were awarded this week by Venezuelan industrialist Rubin Bird, at a ceremony chaired by university vice-president Bernard Cherrick. A plaque in the name of Rubin and Dina Bird was unveiled at the university's Wall of Life.

Prof. Bernard Lewis of Princeton University will lecture at Yad Yitzhak Ben-Zvi in Jerusalem on the subject "The Judeo-Islamic Tradition" at 8:30 p.m. tomorrow. The public is invited.

ARRIVALS

Dr. Samuel I. Cohen, executive vice-president, Jewish National Fund of America, to participate in the JNF National Leadership Council Mission and for consultations with Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael officials.

Mrs. Gerda Herz and Mrs. Meyer Herz from Austria; Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Haime, Colombia; Mr. Meyer Dick, president of the Canadian Friends, Canada; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis, J.P., England; Prof. and Mrs. David Simons, Holland; Dr. Henry Bloch and Mr. Abe Carnet, U.S. and Mr. Gabriel Benita and Mr. and Mrs. Julio Bromer, Venezuela, for the annual meeting of the board of governors of Tel Aviv University, and the following for the board meeting and special ceremonies: Mr. Herbert Cohen, Holland, to receive an honorary fellowship; Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Goldschlager, France, for the awarding of the Prof. Richard Stein memorial prizes of the Goldschlager Eye Institute; Mr. Gordon Gordon, Switzerland, for the inauguration of the Gordon Centre for Energy Studies; Mr. Cal Kovens, U.S., to receive an honorary doctorate; and Mrs. Kovens, and Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Matatla, Italy, for the unveiling of the sculpture Sphere.

Birth

To Hanna and Ya'akov Levin of Ness Ziona, on Friday, May 18, at Kaplan Hospital, Rehovot — grandson to Liebe Nudelman of Afula and Ahuva and Avraham Levin of Jerusalem. The Brit Mila will take place on Friday, May 25 at 12 noon at the home of the Righi family, 10 Rehov Aharoni, Rehovot.

HOME NEWS

NEWS ANALYSIS/Pinhas Landau

Strong investors enjoy slump

The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange has again been buffeted by waves of sellers pouring their holdings onto the market. However, this latest selling bout is being met with strong buying interest and, unlike previous occasions when heavy selling led to a general collapse, many shares are staging an orderly retreat and relatively few are being marked "sellers only."

Who is buying against the trend and why?

"The share prices of many quality companies are at levels that can only be described as ridiculous, when compared to their true value," says Kalman Shaham, manager of the Betucha brokerage firm's branch in Jerusalem.

"The broad mass of investors are afraid to enter the market in the current period of uncertainty. The field is thus left clear for the sophisticated few, who have come to the realization that shares in good companies are the least risky and most promising long-term investment available."

"These people are utilizing the current period of slump to build up positions in select issues. When the public eventually returns, they will be able to reap the benefits of this

strategy," said Shaham.

Almost every day there are announcements of insiders who have increased their holdings in their own or other companies. These are the people who have the best knowledge of the true state of the firms in which they are investing, and their actions are more eloquent than any amount of sales talk.

David Duke, a member of the Tel Aviv-based Securiteam group of analysts, has followed this developing trend over the last several months. He notes the phenomenon is widespread, but has particularly involved industrial and real estate companies.

In addition, Duke points to the big investment holding companies as another group which has been a consistent buyer. "These groups, such as Clal and Discount Investments, have plenty of spare liquidity as a result of superior management."

They are using this both as a cushion against tight credit conditions and also as a source of funds to build up their holdings in firms in which they are interested, as well as being ready to pounce on any attractive companies which may be in temporary difficulties." (See story on Page 7)

Treasury, Histadrut agree on revised May tax brackets

Post Economic Reporter

The Treasury and the Histadrut agreed yesterday that the ministry will ask the Knesset Finance Committee to raise income tax brackets, child allowances and tax credit points by 16 per cent for May over their level in April. The decision followed that of the employers and the labour federations to grant a 12-per-cent compensation to workers because of April's 20.6 per cent inflation.

The ministry added that the talks with the Histadrut about a permanent system of income tax bracket adjustment will continue.

The one-time adjustment of wages for May will bring a 10 to 13 per cent

rise in wages. The largest increases will be in the lower part of the salary scale.

Tax brackets for May 1984:

25% — up to IS 101,000
35% — IS 101,001-IS 138,000
45% — IS 138,001-IS 182,000
50% — IS 182,001-IS 249,000
60% — IS 249,001-IS 288,000
66% — over IS 288,000

The tax threshold for a single person or for a married person whose spouse works is IS 26,462 in May (up from IS 22,772 in April). The threshold for a family with two children, not including child allowances, is IS 61,742 (was IS 53,132 in April).

17 injured in Acre, Holon accidents

ACRE (Itim). — Fog along the Acre-Haifa road yesterday morning led to two accidents which injured 16 persons, one of them seriously. A total of six vehicles were involved.

The seriously injured person was taken to Haifa's Rambam Hospital. The rest were treated at the government hospital in Nahariya.

In Holon, a 12-year-old girl was seriously injured yesterday morning as she crossed Rehov Hahistadrut.

Talia Meni was admitted to Holon's Wolfson Hospital.

And in Beersheba, Eli Fima, 28, of Rishon LeZion, was sentenced yesterday to five months in prison and had his licence suspended for six months in connection with a November 1979 fatal accident. Three girls were killed and a fourth injured when Fima's semitrailer hit their donkey cart. A fifth girl was uninjured.

Police make IS25 million heroin bust

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Heroin worth IS25 million was reportedly found in the possession of a suspected drug dealer when he was arrested near his Shfaram home on Sunday night, the Haifa district police spokesman said yesterday.

The 23-year-old man, believed to be one of the main drug suppliers in the Haifa and Galilee areas, had been under police surveillance for some time.

Detectives and drug squad officers from Haifa district raided the man's home on Sunday night and arrested him while he was allegedly in the process of selling bags of the drug. A body search

revealed a container heroin, which police said was worth IS25m. on the street.

The detective squad, led by Inspector Avital Lambersky, later raided the man's home in the hope of finding a further cache of drugs. As they were searching the premises they were allegedly assaulted by two of the suspect's relatives. The two men, aged 23 and 19, were also arrested.

One of the policemen was almost run over by the driver of a BMW car who pulled up outside the suspect's home as police were leaving.

The car was searched and a quantity of hashish was found. The driver, a 25-year-old Shfaram resident, was also arrested.

Israel's basketball team won't be at Los Angeles

Post Sports Staff

Israel's basketball team played valiantly against the richly-talented Spanish national side but were soundly defeated 120-97 in last night's pre-Olympic qualifying tournament in Paris.

The defeat ends Israel's hopes of advancing to the finals, with the unbeaten Spaniards now well on course to grab one of the three Los Angeles places being contested in the tournament.

Although Israel pulled up to

within six points of the fast running Spaniards at 42-36, they were down 61-44 at half time and for most of the game trailed by nearly 20 points. Only some fine efforts by Avigdor Moscovitz in the first half and Mickey Berkowitz in the second kept the scoreboard from registering a still worse defeat. Still without a Silver, who is injured, Israel had nothing to contest the speed of Juan Corbela, the overall extra height and the outside shooting of San Epifanio.

Man held on suspicion of throwing grenade

JULIS (Itim). — A local resident of this Galilee village was arrested early yesterday morning on suspicion of having thrown a grenade at the car of another resident, Jamil Nabuani.

Nabuani, who was not wounded, had originally thought his car had

been boobytrapped. But a police forensic examination found that the explosion that damaged it on Sunday had resulted from a grenade being tossed at the car as he was starting it.

The police said the incident was part of a private dispute between Nabuani and the suspect.



Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek yesterday talks with visiting Greek Orthodox Archbishop of Cyprus Chrysostomos (right) and Jerusalem Orthodox Patriarch Diodoros (left).

KNESSET BRIEFS/Aaron Sittner

Final session seen on June 13

The Knesset will probably finish its present session on June 13. This emerged after a meeting of the Knesset Presidium yesterday, where Likud spokesmen asked that the House rise at the beginning of next month and opposition speakers asked that the Knesset remain in session until the end of next month.

At the suggestion of speaker Menahem Seidov, the presidium chose June 13 as the date of the last sitting, subject to House approval.

Shulamit Aloni (Alignment-CRM) wants the Knesset to hold a debate "as soon as possible" on the plight of Soviet dissident Andrei Sakharov and his wife.

Knesset members' free Franking privileges have been suspended. This is in line with the Immunity, Rights and Obligations law of 1951, which forbids free mailing by MKs after the 75th day preceding national elections.

Reporting on his visit to Argentina, MK Menahem Hacohen (Alignment) said "hundreds" of Argentinian Jews who want to settle in Israel are not doing so because the Jewish Agency fails to answer their questions regarding housing and employment here. Hacohen spoke in the Immigration and Absorption Committee.

ISRAEL FESTIVAL '84

Japanese dancers wow festival-goers

By DORA SOWDEN

The highest expectations raised by the Sankai Juku Company's visit last year and their performance on the walls of the Old City on Friday were surpassed in the show on Mount Scopus yesterday afternoon. It was a show in a lifetime, but the several thousand people who crowded the amphitheatre will surely also remember the occasion for the mismanagement at the gates.

At 4:30 p.m., several hundred persons had gathered there in the hot sun. They were told that the performance had been postponed to 6 p.m. instead of the advertised 5:30 p.m. — and nobody was permitted to go in and sit down until 5 p.m.

In the performance, five men of the company made their entry — some walking on the ramp above the

pillars, and three coming down head first on ropes hanging in the air and gradually sliding down. This was done with incredible dignity and grace, whether clothed or almost naked, until finally they stood in a ring of fire against the magnificence of the Judean Hills behind them. The performance was breathtaking, riveting, utterly indescribable and unforgettable.

This performance, called Sholiba, will be staged in the amphitheatre in Caesarea on May 26.

Jomon Sho, presented in the Jerusalem Theatre on Saturday night and twice on Sunday was less sensational, yet there too is the marvellous movement which makes this Japanese group a rich and rare feast for the eye. (See advertisement this page).

SHAMIR BLASTS

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ence, Shamir said.

While he does not attribute any political significance to the event, he said, because no political talks were held, it undoubtedly helped create a calmer atmosphere in Israel's relations with the Arab states.

Alignment leader Shimon Peres said the Likud government had had all the best intentions. It had not planned either the developments in Lebanon or the economic mess the country is in, but it has proved unable to give direction to events.

Peres said those who are certain that King Hussein will never make peace with Israel are the same people who were just as sure that Anwar Sadat was not serious about peace. Included in this group are Shamir,

Defence Minister Moshe Arens and Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Ongad, Peres said.

"It wasn't we who evacuated settlements and withdrew from defensible borders," Peres said, pledging that in future, too, the Alignment has no intention of doing either.

Peres urged Jordan to begin negotiations without prior conditions. Such talks could be on the basis of Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338. It is not essential that Jordan accept the Israel-Egypt peace treaty, since it did not take part in the treaty talks, Peres argued.

At the close of the debate, the Knesset adopted by a majority vote a coalition resolution (also supported by Tami and Rabbi Haim Druckman) "taking note" of the prime minister's statement.

LIBERAL-HERUT

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he would agree to no compromise." When the meeting broke up in total disagreement, Levy showed reporters copies of the written agreements already concluded a day earlier between the two parties, whereby the Liberal representation would be pared on the Likud slate and the two parties would merge prior to the July 23 elections.

Levy argued that not only had Moda'i given it, but that three hours later he would be calling for a total break with Herut, but that Moda'i had even planned out loud

how he would maneuver things at the Liberal Central Committee that afternoon to defeat "that small noisy minority which opposes agreement with Herut."

Levy went on: "I cannot imagine what came over Moda'i en route between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv on Sunday afternoon. I cannot imagine what caused him to do a total about-face in three hours — between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. One explanation, of course, is that he misled us deliberately all along."

Moda'i, however, later contended that the documents Levy displayed "showed only what was agreed upon and not what was not agreed upon."

Among the subjects still unresolved, Moda'i counted the matter of how many and which people would present the Likud list to the state elections committee. If Milo were to do so alone, he argued, there is no guarantee that he would not erase a Liberal name at the last moment and substitute a Herut name for it.

Milo said that yesterday's talks "appear to leave no opening for any further negotiations, unless something unpredictable again happens in the Liberal Party."

When the results of the talks became clear, Shamir decided that there was no point in his addressing the Liberal Central Committee as he had planned following Moda'i's surprise statements on Sunday night.

Levy said that the Liberals must decide one way or the other very soon, as the Knesset lists must be in by May 31.

The Liberal Central Committee is scheduled to convene again this afternoon, and Moda'i expects to press on with his proposal for a separate Liberal ticket.



Mapam gives a bit to avoid Labour row

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — While the Liberals are shaking the Likud house, Mapam has peacefully accepted a slight blow to its position in the Alignment, sparing Labour the trouble now being experienced by Herut.

Mapam decided to offer little resistance to taking its top-ranked member down two slots on the joint slate, although its Knesset list now includes many more anti-Alignment forces than did previous lists and although the new list is also far more leftist than the previous list.

Mapam and Labour representatives, however, are still due to meet

on May 29 — two days before the Knesset lists are due to be handed in — to iron out final differences between them.

Yesterday teams from both parties convened and agreed that Mapam's No. 1 man — party secretary-general Victor Shemtov — will not be featured in fifth slot as has previously been the case, but in the seventh slot. This will make room in the fifth slot for former foreign minister Abba Eban. Eban was already nipped by increasing talk in the party that he will not be getting the foreign affairs portfolio if the Alignment regains power after the elections. (See related story).

Rakah's platform, list won't be changed

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Rakah does not have to change its Knesset slate or its platform because the existing ones are so successful, MK Meir Wilner said at a press conference here yesterday.

"In other parties, they talk about the need for new faces. They are so unsuccessful that the people ought to resign of their own accord. We don't have these problems," the Rakah (Communist Party) secretary-general said. He said the Alignment may not really be an alternative to the Likud. "There are signs that the two big parties are planning to establish a national unity government; whether it will be headed by the Likud or the Alignment will apparently depend on the election results. Anyone who votes Alignment to get the Likud out of power may therefore be defeating his or her own purpose."

Wilner said the Jewish underground is not as marginal as people would like to think. It would not have existed for so long, he said, if it did not have military and political support in high places.

What is happening in the Ein Hilwe refugee camp could lead to another Sabra and Shatila, he said, if the local militia is allowed free rein and if the residents of the area are left defenceless.

As an Israeli patriot, he said, it hurt him to learn that Israel has agreed to do "the dirtiest work in the world" for the U.S. in Nicaragua.

Rakah declined from five seats to four in the last Knesset election because many voters believed Alignment propaganda that the only way to get rid of the Likud was to vote Alignment. Wilner said. Those voters will return to Rakah this time, plus some new ones, and the number of Rakah seats will grow.

Asked why the Rakah list's first woman representative is in that place, despite the party's talk about equality for women, Wilner said the male MKs in his faction have done more for women's rights than have female MKs from other parties.

Yehoshua Peretz, who led the series of Ashdod port stevedores' strikes in the 1950s, is number 15 on Rakah's list.

Thais seek strong industrial links

Thailand's science and technology minister says he wants to strengthen his country's industrial ties with Israel.

In a meeting yesterday with Science and Development Minister Yuval Ne'eman, Damrong Lathopit said the fact that his 12-member delegation is the largest ever sent abroad from his ministry points to the importance with which Thailand views

science and development here.

Ne'eman told Lathopit that Israel could provide Thailand with much assistance in the fields of solar energy and biological and agricultural technology.

Another meeting at the Science and Development Ministry is scheduled before the Thai delegation returns home tomorrow.

Levinger may get out for Hebron memorial

The security forces have reportedly promised members of the action committee on behalf of suspected Jewish underground detainees that they will enable Rabbi Moshe Levinger to participate in a memorial assembly this afternoon for six people killed in a terrorist attack in Hebron in 1980.

However, senior police sources in Jerusalem last night denied that such an agreement had been made.

The agreement, which committee members say they reached yesterday

afternoon, reportedly stipulates that Levinger would be escorted by plainclothes policemen, who would prevent him from speaking with anyone. Committee members said they hope Levinger would be allowed to make a brief address at the ceremony.

Levinger has been in detention since last Tuesday on suspicion of being connected to a wave of Jewish terror attacks against Moslem individuals and institutions. His current remand is due to expire tomorrow (Itim).

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Haifa University meeting told:

Ethnic tensions increasing despite shrinking social gap

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Tension between ethnic groups in Israel has become more acute in recent years although the social gap has narrowed, a speaker told a conference at Haifa University marking the 10th anniversary of the founding of the university's 'Bridging the Gap' unit.

Prof. Yohanan Peres, a lecturer in sociology at the universities of Tel Aviv and Haifa, said on Sunday the ethnic gap in the fields of economy and education — with the exception of higher education — had narrowed considerably in the past decade.

The income differential between Ashkenazim and those of Middle East, Asian and African origin, had dropped from 35 per cent in the 1960s to 19 per cent now. The number of children of Oriental origin completing their high school education had risen to 36 per cent, almost double the number in the 1960s.

Similarly, the birth rate is more balanced now with families of Oriental origin having an average of 3.6 children compared with 2.8 for Ashkenazim, he said.

Employment prospects had also improved due, partially, to Arabs from the territories taking over un-

skilled jobs. Greater ethnic awareness and education had also contributed greatly to closing the social gap.

Despite these developments, however, ethnic tension has risen because the demographic balance in the country is not reflected in the corridors of power where Ashkenazim still rule.

Peres said politics and management jobs remain largely the domain of Ashkenazim and this was the root cause of the tension.

Former president Yitzhak Navon, who also spoke at the conference, expressed optimism for the future. He maintained that the tension between ethnic groups would gradually disappear through assimilation, intermarriages and advances in education.

The "Bridging the Gap" unit assists students from development areas to complete their high school education and achieve the required academic level to enter university. It also helps the students, with grants and special tutors, to successfully complete their studies. In return, the students are required to take part in various activities including educational projects in their home towns and villages.

'European media report inter-Israeli tensions'

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The continuing tension between religious and non-religious Israeli Jews is harmful to Judaism and has repercussions abroad.

This is a view of Rabbi Moshe Rose, secretary of the Conference of European Rabbis, which is due to meet today in Amsterdam. In an interview with *The Jerusalem Post* prior to his departure for the con-

ference, Rabbi Rose noted that such dissension in Israel is well-reported in the European press.

He added that the European rabbis, who are used to dealing with a wide range of attitudes toward Judaism, might well be able to give their Israeli colleagues advice in this area. The European rabbis are also active in interfaith relations, he noted, which now means not just dialogue with Christians, but Moslems as well.

Bride's 'flexibility' averts tribal feud

TZALMON (Itim). — A rare physical attribute of a Beduin bride recently nearly caused a blood feud between her clan and that of her husband in this Galilee village.

After a festive wedding celebration about two weeks ago, the newlyweds retired only to have the groom storm out and angrily accuse his bride's parents of, in his words, "selling him used goods." The bride tearfully denied having had relations with anyone before her husband, but her husband returned her to her parents.

After several days of community pressure, the bride "confessed" to having relations with another man three years before. This news provoked much tension in the tribe and Galilee police stepped in to prevent the outbreak of a feud.

The bride then retracted her admission, saying she had been forced to make it and insisting she was a virgin on her wedding night. Both families eventually agreed she be examined at the Institute of Forensic Medicine at Abu Kabir, and to accept its findings.

Dr. Bezael Bloch examined the bride and found her to possess an "elastic hymen" — a medical rarity that shows no effect from intercourse and which usually is ruptured only in childbirth.

The tribe gratefully accepted the doctor's findings and is now reportedly trying to convince the groom to welcome back his bride.

Court grants ex-security prisoner order 'nisi'

Former security prisoner Abu Ali Shahin yesterday obtained an order nisi from the High Court of Justice requiring the military commander of the Gaza Strip to show cause within 10 days why he should not refrain from expelling Shahin from the country, and why he should not give Shahin an Israeli identity card.

Shahin was sentenced in 1967 to 15 years in jail after being convicted of organizing terrorist cells. He served his sentence, but since his release has been restricted to a fishing village in the Gaza Strip close to the Egyptian border.

Security officials say that Shahin is still the top PLO-Fatah organizer in the territories. (Itim)

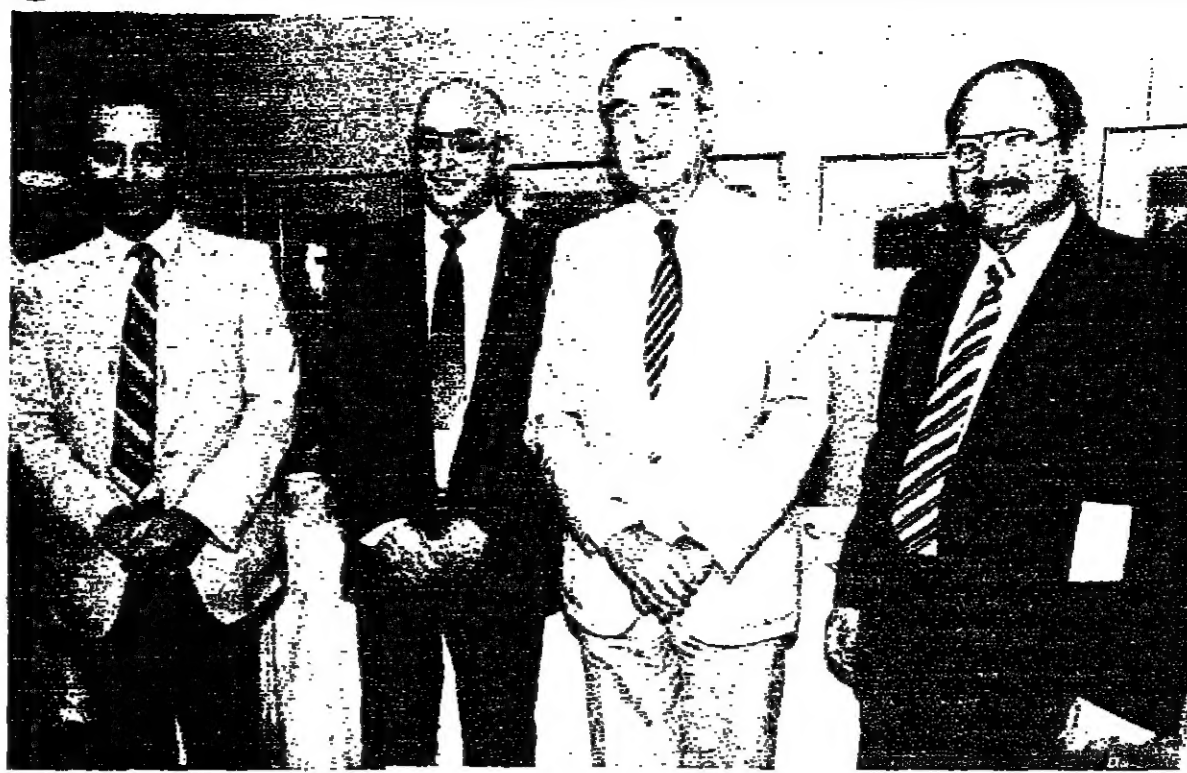
12 ranges set up for shooting practice

The Interior Ministry has set up 12 firing ranges in local authorities to provide shooting practice for Civil Guard members and holders of light weapons licences.

Hagai Hefetz, director of the emergency services department at the ministry, said yesterday that 1515 million would be set aside this year for opening and equipping the ranges.

Some 180,000 Israelis hold light weapons licences, he said. (Itim)

AMPUTATIONS. — Two convicted thieves in Sudan had their right hands and left feet amputated publicly yesterday in the first cross-amputation carried out since Islamic law was introduced last September.



President Chaim Herzog (second from right) welcomes (left to right) Israel Television head Tuvia Sa'ar, Israel Broadcasting Authority director-general Uri Porat and IBA chairman Micha Yinnon at a reception honouring the IBA plenum yesterday at Beit Hanassi.

(Yitzhak Haran)

NAVON

(Continued from Page One)

saying he would not accept any portfolio other than foreign affairs.

Another idea being considered in Labour is that Eban be given another newly-created portfolio — minister for world Jewry.

Several reliable Labour sources told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that Peres had no choice but to select Navon over Eban. This was not only to make sure that Navon did not challenge Peres for the party leadership — Navon probably would not have done so in any case — but to prevent Navon from hitting back at Peres and Labour by refusing a top slot on the party list or any active role in the campaign.

According to reports from several Labour sources, Navon had threatened that he would seek only the 25th slot on the party's Knesset list if he was not granted the foreign affairs portfolio. This Peres could not afford.

The proof that Navon's demands have been satisfied, say the sources, lies in the fact that he is No. 2 on the list and will take an active role in the campaign as the other party leaders. He will be appearing in outdoor rallies on Labour's behalf, will tour slums and development towns, will take part in parlour meetings and will be featured as one of Labour's prominent stars in TV election broadcasts. He will also take part in leadership conferences and in strategy planning sessions during the campaign.

But contrary to expectations, Navon will not be writing the introduction to his party's election platform. The *Post* has learned that "at the outset, this was seen as an honour which Navon would be offered as an inducement to rejoin active Labour politics. But now he has become such an active part of the team, such bonuses are meaningless."

Still, Labour strategists are divided as to whether it would be best for the party to disclose the portfolio earmarked for Navon. Some argue that a disclosure would anger Eban and raise demands for further premature appointments; others say that the knowledge that Navon would become the foreign minister in the event of a Labour victory would bring in many votes.

Vote today at Bar-Ilan

Jerusalem Post Reporter

RAMAT GAN. — Students at Bar-Ilan University will vote among four parties for their student association representatives today and tomorrow.

While the slates claim to be non-partisan, one candidate, saying his list includes all shades of political opinion, described the general character of all the lists as "from the National Religious Party to the right."

One of the many issues in the election is the campus bookstore, which is now run by Steimatzky and does not satisfy all students. Candidates, who are elected on a personal basis, are stressing their academic accomplishments plus whatever concessions they as students activists have been able to wring from their professors.

In addition to three conventional lists reflecting Jewish nationalist opinion, a Jewish-Arab party, Tzavta, is also running in the election.

Medical loan group hits out at health funds, authorities

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Professor Kalman Mann, chairman of Yad Sarah, a voluntary organization supplying medical equipment on loan without charge, yesterday criticized local authorities and health funds for not providing the organization with any funds.

Mann, speaking to journalists at Beit Agron in Jerusalem, said that Yad Sarah's needs are tiny compared to expenditures made by the authorities and health funds for things which, he feels, are less important.

Yad Sarah, this week inaugurating a one-week campaign to raise funds for the purchase of additional medical equipment, loans crutches, wheel chairs, respirators, blood pressure machines, hospital beds and other equipment to

anyone in need of them. Patients are required to pay only a small deposit.

In addition to the loan of medical equipment, Yad Sarah, founded by Uri Lupolianski, now chairman of the organization, provides a free home-nursing service staffed by volunteers and a free laundry service for the bedridden.

Due to recent cuts in welfare services, Lupolianski said that the present demand for assistance is beyond the means of the organization, which hopes to raise \$500,000 in this campaign. Lupolianski said that in its nine years of its existence, Yad Sarah's services have been used by one out of every two Jerusalem families.

Yad Sarah has 34 branches throughout Israel and at present has 42,000 pieces of medical equipment out on loan.

Arlosoroff panel hears last witnesses

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — The Arlosoroff Commission, hearing its final witnesses yesterday, ruled that a writer cannot be ordered to divulge the identities of his sources.

The commission made the ruling after members of the Stavsky family asked that author Shabtai Tevet, whose book *The Murder of Haim Arlosoroff* implicates the late Abraham Stavsky in the 1933 killing, be obliged to name his sources.

Electric Corp. to cut Mekorot's power due to debt

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Electric Corporation plans to cut off power today to six unnamed installations of the Mekorot national water company, because Mekorot owes it \$1700 million.

On Sunday Mekorot promised to pay its debt immediately, but yesterday it informed the corporation it cannot raise the money. A Mekorot spokesman said this is because the Treasury owes the company \$2.5 billion.

As a result, the corporation intends to start cutting off Mekorot's power supply, starting with six pumping stations. A corporate spokesman stressed that the sites had been chosen to assure that drinking water supplies would not be affected.

The corporation has also warned local authorities their power will be cut off if they fail to pay their bills on time. Municipalities are having difficulties meeting payment schedules due to general lack of funds.

Lies about dunked vehicle net NCO 6 months

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A naval first sergeant was sentenced yesterday to six months in prison and demoted to private in connection with a military vehicle accident last year.

The NCO, who at the time of the incident was duty commander of a naval boat tied up at Haifa harbour, tried to move a command car which was parked on the pier, although he was not licensed to drive the vehicle. He lost control and the vehicle rolled over the pier's edge and into the water.

The first sergeant reported to his commanding officer that the vehicle was missing, and most likely had been stolen. Only after the wrecked command car had been located last February did the NCO admit what happened.

In sentencing the soldier, the presiding officer at the court martial noted the defendant's silence in the matter, even when he saw divers searching for the vehicle two days after the incident.

7 IDF grenades found

A cache of seven hand-grenades was discovered in a stairwell in Jerusalem's Rehov Agripas on Sunday night.

The grenades were army-issue fragmentation grenades, police said. Police sappers removed them after checking for possible boobytraps.

An investigation has been opened. (Itim)

PRIZE. — Rina Berman, vice-president of Wizo in England, has received a prize from President Chaim Herzog in recognition of her more than 20 years of volunteer efforts on behalf of Israel's wounded soldiers. In addition to an abstract gold-plated statue of a soldier, Berman received the honorary title of "friend of the wounded soldiers" and fellow of Beit Haloehem.

Herzog stresses media role in presenting Israel as it is

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The role of the electronic media in transmitting a realistic image of Israel to its Arab neighbours was underscored yesterday by President Chaim Herzog at a reception at Beit Hanassi in honour of the plenum of the Israel Broadcasting Authority.

Israeli broadcasts are received in Arab countries, he pointed out, and are vital in providing a truer image of Israel than is given by Arab media.

It was the first time in the state's history that the full IBA plenum had been invited to the presidential residence.

Defending the freedom of the press, Herzog deplored some of the recent hostility, expressed against it. "Too many people fail to under-

stand the vital significance of a free, healthy and independent press in a democratic society," he said.

Noting the tremendous pressure and budgetary problems under which Israeli radio and television operates, Herzog praised their high standards but made a point of saying that he also had some criticisms.

Sensationalism, the distortion of truth, ridicule and disproportionate bias were the enemies of a good press, he said, asking the media to be more self-critical.

Broadcasting Authority chairman Micha Yinnon hoped that during the next three years in which the plenum remains in office, the traditions of the freedom of the press and the right of the public to know would be maintained.

Thyme seized before 'export' to Gulf

ZICHRON YA'ACOV (Itim). — Some 10 tons of illegally harvested wild thyme (za'atar) have been confiscated by nature protection authorities here in the last few months. The plant had been picked by Arabs from the territories and most of it was to be "exported" to the sheikhdoms of the Gulf and Saudi Arabia.

Annually, dozens of Arab women from across the Green Line, hired by contractors, come to illegally

harvest the protected za'atar in the Zichron Ya'acov area. The plant is widely used by Arabs as a seasoning.

The Green Patrol and Border Police help nature protection authorities to catch offenders. But the practice of illegal picking continues, despite fines.

Israeli Arabs from the Triangle are permitted to pick wild thyme for domestic use — up to one sack per family.

Haifa to name street after Raoul Wallenberg

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — This city will shortly name a new road in honour of Swedish Raoul Wallenberg, who lived in Haifa for a short time in 1936.

Wallenberg, who saved thousands of Hungarian Jews from the Nazis while serving in Budapest in 1944, disappeared after he was arrested by the liberating Soviet army.

The street will be in the new Golda

Meir Heights housing quarter near the Danya neighbourhood.

There has been much pressure on City Hall to name a street after Wallenberg, and it had been suggested that Bank Street in the downtown quarter, where Wallenberg worked as an apprentice in the Holland Bank, would be suitable. But the city's names commission decided on the Mt. Carmel site.

Cabinet delays debate on demobbed soldiers

Post Economic Reporter

After a few minutes' deliberation, the cabinet on Sunday decided to postpone for one week the debate on the demobilized-soldiers bill.

The bill would grant demobilized soldiers tax reductions and other benefits, such as preferential treatment in applications to universities.

During yesterday's brief discussion, Education Minister Ze'evulun Hammer requested that the bill not make compulsory the preferential

treatment for demobilized soldiers applying to popular university departments such as computers and medicine. The Council for Higher Education is asking to make such a treatment only a recommendation, not a compulsory step, and Hammer supports this qualification.

Deputy Prime Minister David Levy said he thought that the bill in its present form would be most beneficial to soldiers with higher incomes.

New building plans as water carrier turns 20

TIBERIAS (Itim). — The Mekorot water company says it will build a fourth pumping station at the National Water Carrier's Sapir site on Lake Kinneret. Construction of the \$15 million facility will take several years.

Company officials said yesterday that six billion cubic metres of water have been supplied to the South since the national carrier was opened on June 10, 1964. Officials added that during the waterway's 20 years of operation there have been no breakdowns save for a fire last February at one of the Sapir site pumping stations.

The national water carrier was the country's biggest development project, being built over five years by 4,000 workers.

TA students protest plans to raise tuition

By LEA LEVAVI

TEL AVIV. — About 100 Tel Aviv University students held a march and rally on campus yesterday protesting against the Finance Ministry's intention to more than double university tuition fees next year — to \$1,400, compared to \$650 this year.

Both the signs carried by the marchers and the speech made to them by Student Association chairman Shaul Rehavi stressed that higher education must not be limited to the rich and it is not a luxury. A government which wants to support higher education can do so by changing its priorities, Rehavi said. "It isn't that there's no money; it's that the money is being spent on other things."

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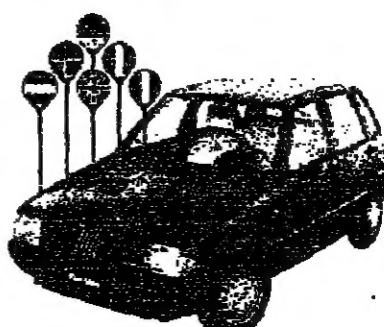
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Iran warns U.S.: Stay out of Gulf

NICOSIA. — Iranian President Ali Khamenei warned the U.S. to stay out of the Gulf, the official Iranian news agency, Irna, reported yesterday.

"If the United States takes part in the adventurous games in the Persian Gulf, it will receive a slap far harder than the one it got in Lebanon," Irna quoted Khamenei as stating in a speech delivered in Tehran the previous day.

The reference to Lebanon was apparently a reminder of the withdrawal of a U.S. Marine force from Beirut following a series of suicide bomb attacks that left more than 200 marines and other U.S. officials dead in recent months.

Khamenei's warning came amid rising tension and apprehension of a widening of the Iran-Iraq war with the possible involvement of the U.S. in the wake of the increased attacks against oil tankers in the northern reaches of the Gulf.

The Iranian president reiterated his government's stand on the issue of free navigation in the Gulf. "The oil routes in the Persian Gulf are either safe for all or unsafe for all," the Irna report, monitored in Nicosia, quoted him as saying.

In Manama, Bahrain, meanwhile, Kuwait Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa al-Sabah criticized what he said was a "passive" U.S. attitude

toward the Iraq-Iran war. He told the opening session of a symposium on the future of Arab-American economic cooperation that the U.S. should take a more active role in the conflict.

"The recent (Iranian) aggression on Kuwaiti and Saudi oil tankers is but the last and most dangerous bell to be tolled to remind the international community that it should support Iraq's repeated initiatives for ending the hostilities and starting peaceful dialogue," he said.

Earlier in the day, Sheikh Ali told reporters that oil shipping from Kuwaiti terminals was normal despite the recent Iranian air attacks which crippled two Kuwaiti and one Saudi oil tanker in their own territorial waters away from the war zone.

But shipping sources in Bahrain and Dubai said that oil tanker traffic in the Gulf was down to a minimum since May 17. (AP, Reuters)

CORRECTION

The photograph published on page 3 of Sunday's issue was of a demonstration by Moroccan Moslem clerics against their government's hospitality to the Jewish conference in Rabat, and not as given in the caption provided by the UPI photo agency.

165,000 workers to be idle today

Growing strike threatens German economy

BONN (Reuters) — As West Germany's worst industrial disruption since 1978 continues to escalate, concern is growing over the damage it may inflict on the country's strengthening economy and its crucial car industry.

The battle over union demands for a 35-hour week entered its second week yesterday with production by several major car makers already at a standstill and the others facing closure by the end of the week as vital components run out.

The struggling steel industry has warned that it could also suffer from lost sales to car producers.

Labour minister Norbert Blum has warned that the conflict threatened an economic recovery that has just begun.

The dispute centres on demands by the huge metalworkers' union, IG Metall, for weekly working hours to be cut from 40 hours without any loss of pay.

The metal industry employers' association, Gesamtmetall, has consistently rejected the call.

The strike spread to the state of Hesse yesterday as 32,000 more workers joined stoppages.

The strike, the first all-out stoppage in Hesse for 33 years, halted production at the giant Opel car factory near Frankfurt and hit eight other plants in the region, IG Metall said.

The stoppages took the number of workers on strike or laid off because of a shortage of vital spare parts to more than 100,000.

The total will climb by 65,000 today when employers hit back with lockouts at 35 plants in the Stuttgart area, where the strike wave began last Monday at component makers.

Union leader Hans Mayr told 1,000 pickets outside the Opel plant that the strikes would continue until the union got results.

He accused the centre-right gov-

ernment and employers, both firmly opposed to the union's demand, of acting "arm in arm" to remove the right to work.

Mayr said he hoped national crisis talks, approved in principle by both employers and the union but not given a firm date, would take place soon.

A spokesman for Opel, owned by the U.S. General Motors Corporation, said he expected that production at the firm's two other West German plants would cease around mid-week because of a shortage of parts.

By the weekend, only Ford will still be producing vehicles but they, too, say they may have to shut their two West German and one Belgian plant next week.

Volkswagen expects to shut its six West German plants tomorrow. Last week's closures involved Daimler-Benz, makers of Mercedes cars, BMW and the two main plants

of Volkswagen's Audi subsidiary. Next weekend could see up to 200,000 workers idled.

Employers leaders met in Frankfurt and welcomed IG Metall's acceptance of their offer of urgent talks to settle the dispute. But Mayr made clear the union had no intention of going along with the employers' desire to settle the dispute at national level.

He said the talks would be used to explain agreements must be reached by regional negotiations in each specific contract area.

IG Metall, which represents 2.5 million workers, claims a cut in working hours is necessary to provide more jobs for industry at a time when 2.25 million people are unemployed in West Germany.

Industry and the government say this would have the opposite effect by making West German exports too costly. They propose earlier retirement as a means of increasing jobs.

Gromyko rejects request by Genscher for new talks

MOSCOW (Reuters) — West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher yesterday urged the Soviet Union to return to nuclear arms talks but his approach was brusquely rebuffed by Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, West German sources said.

In three hours of talks in the Kremlin, Genscher said the West wanted a dialogue on all issues and in particular a resumption of U.S.-Soviet negotiations on medium and long-range missiles, the sources added.

Gromyko replied by devoting a large slice of a 75-minute statement to a sharp attack on Washington, saying it was entirely to blame for the present stalemate, they said.

Speaking at a luncheon after the talks, Genscher returned to the topic and recalled that the Warsaw Pact had said there were no issues which

could not be resolved through talks. "But these words must be followed by deeds, and without any preconditions," he said.

"The West is still ready to continue the negotiations at any time, in any place and without any conditions," he added.

The sources said Genscher had firmly rejected Gromyko's attacks on Washington and termed them inaccurate.

During his talks, Genscher also condemned a sharp Soviet press campaign against West Germany and called for an increase in emigration quotas for Soviet ethnic Germans wishing to settle in the West.

Western diplomats said Gromyko's attack on the U.S. was further evidence that Moscow had no intention of softening its headline stand against Washington or resuming the missile talks in the foreseeable future.

Philippines election panel starts hearings on fraud

MANILA. — The election commission opened hearings yesterday on candidates' charges of widespread voting fraud as President Ferdinand Marcos' regime kept its comfortable lead over opponents in the battle for 183 National Assembly seats.

One of the 53 formal complaints filed so far seeks the annulment of allegedly false returns favouring Marcos' ruling New Society Movement (KBL) party in Cebu province, where a youth was killed last Saturday in a riot over alleged government cheating.

On Negros Island, about 3,000 residents massed at the Bacolod town plaza to protest alleged vote buying and ballot tampering by the KBL.

So far poll officials have proclaimed 72 Marcos candidates and 50 opposition candidates as winners. The commission has not released

any report on the status of other races. Unofficial tallies by the National Citizens Movement for Free Elections (Namfrel), an independent monitoring group, show 73 KBL and 51 opposition candidates have won, with the opposition leading Marcos candidates 31-28 in the other contests.

The surprising government defeat in some areas has led to resignations by at least four cabinet ministers, including the ministers of agriculture, justice, and natural resources, and the solicitor general.

Meanwhile, Marcos said yesterday his KBL will meet on May 27 to decide who will be National Assembly speaker.

The choice of a speaker is vital, since if the president dies or is removed from office before the end of his term the speaker takes over until a new president is elected. (AP, Reuters)

Khmer Rouge claims it killed 20,000

BANGKOK (AP) — Khmer Rouge radio claimed yesterday that guerrillas killed 20,000 Vietnamese troops in Cambodia and inflicted large-scale damage on Vietnamese-held positions and transport lines during the seven-and-a-half month dry season that forestalled Hanoi's perennial offensive.

Communist Khmer Rouge claims are widely regarded as exaggerated, but if verified, yesterday's list of victories would be the most significant by the Khmer Rouge, a three-party coalition fighting the Vietnamese, since they were driven out of Phnom Penh to the jungles in early 1979.

Independent analysts say that during the past year the Khmer Rouge stepped up penetration of several regions in the country far from the traditional Thai-Cambodian border battle zone.

The Khmer Rouge radio, carrying a review by the army's supreme headquarters on the fighting from October 1983 to May 15, said the guerrillas "liberated" 225 villages from the Vietnamese, and launched 17 attacks on six provincial capitals, 42 attacks on 29 downtown districts, and 19 attacks on markets.

The Khmer Rouge has claimed brief seizures of key provincial capitals including Pursat, Battambang, Kompong Thom, and Siem Reap.

Economy a major issue in Egypt's election

CAIRO (Reuters) — The economy has become a central issue in Egypt's general election campaign, with the ruling party playing up strong growth and opposition groups homing in on high inflation and a widening gap between rich and poor.

Despite some powerful campaign ammunition held by the opposition parties, President Hosni Mubarak's ruling National Democratic Party (NDP) is expected to win comfortably next Sunday when voters choose a new 448-seat People's Assembly.

Most analysts say such a result, in what the government has pledged will be Egypt's fairest elections ever, will give Mubarak greater freedom to cut budget deficits, loosen the reins on the public sector and stimulate production.

However, disenchantment with the NDP is likely to be expressed in a high rate of abstentions and record gains for opposition parties, which analysts expect to poll together between 20 to 30 per cent of the vote.

The NDP can point to a record of high annual growth, rising real income for most of the population and progress on reducing a gaping current account deficit.

The economy grew by 7.6 per cent in 1982-83, while the country's main non-oil hard-currency earnings, from items such as tourism, rose to \$2.6 billion in the first nine months of the current fiscal year.

This compares with \$2.2 billion in

the same period of last year, suggesting Egypt will further reduce its current account deficit, shaved to \$1.7 billion in 1982-83.

Despite a bright short-term economic outlook, looming structural problems and the trials of daily life for Egypt's 47 million people are fuelling opposition attacks on the NDP.

Inflation is estimated by western

The flight of 18 million honey bees

SHREVEPORT, Louisiana (AP) — Shirt sleeves were rolled down and windows rolled up Sunday as a minor traffic accident erupted into full-scale combat between highway police and some 18 million honey bees unleashed from an overturned truck.

Professional and amateur beekeepers wearing protective clothing were called to the scene to lure back the bees, which formed a 12 metre swarm over Interstate 20 near here for more than five hours. Motorists stuck in a 9.6 kilometre traffic jam were warned to roll up their car windows.

Authorities estimated 720 boxes, each containing about 25,000 bees, spilled from a westbound truck

driven by a beekeeper for a South Dakota honey manufacturing firm. Police said the bees took to the skies when the rig's trailer became disconnected and landed on its side in a ditch.

They were stacked seven boxes high in the trailer and amounted to "probably more bees than all of us (local beekeepers) have combined," said Bill Walker, president of the Progressive Beekeepers Association of Louisiana, who was called in to help.

Although officers close to the scene reported multiple stings, a police spokesman said there were no serious injuries. No tickets were issued.

Latvian Jewish dissidents detained

MOSCOW (Reuters) — Two Jewish dissidents from Soviet Latvia who were detained in a Moscow street on Sunday said yesterday they were threatened, then put on a train and sent home.

The pair, Tatyana Zushnina and Alexander Balter, were bundled into a car by six plainclothes security men as they were about to meet western correspondents.

They said in a phone call yesterday from Riga, the Latvian capital, that they were driven to a forest and told they would be beaten up if they tried to meet the correspondents.

Hart might pick 'modified' Jackson

WASHINGTON (AP) — George McGovern, a dropout in the race for the Democratic presidential nomination, said on Sunday that a Walter Mondale-Gary Hart ticket would be the "quickest way to heal" the animosity of the campaign, but Mondale refused to commit himself.

Hart, meanwhile, said he would consider the Rev. Jesse Jackson, the third democratic presidential candidate, as a possible running mate if he changed his Middle East views. McGovern, interviewed on ABC-TV's *This Week With David Brinkley*, said there were no real "fundamental differences" between Hart and Mondale, adding that the latter would probably be the Democratic presidential nominee.

Mondale, appearing on the same programme, said there were "substantial differences" between himself and Hart, but that they were not irreconcilable.

Hart said he and Jackson had conflicting positions on the Middle East, but did not elaborate. However, the two generally disagree on whether the U.S. should recognize the PLO, as well as on U.S. support of Arab countries vis-a-vis Israel.

The latest AP tabulation shows Mondale with 1,625.05 delegates to Hart's 985.75 and Jackson's 296.2. A total of 1,967 are needed for nomination.

Mubarak commissions six new vessels

CAIRO (AP) — President Hosni Mubarak yesterday commissioned six new naval vessels, including a Spanish-built frigate and two Chinese-supplied submarines, the Middle East News Agency said.

The state-run agency said the ceremony was held at the Mediterranean port of Alexandria, headquarters of the navy.

Three submarine hunting vessels provided by China were commissioned, the agency said.

U.S.-Soviet accord on future Olympics

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. and Soviet Olympic officials have agreed in principle to work to remove the "dark cloud" of politics hanging over the future of the international Games.

"We are working on a paper of mutual understanding to be executed sometime in the future," F. Don Miller, executive director of the U.S. Olympic Committee, told newsmen here, Miller, stating that the cooperation would not end the Soviet boycott of this summer's Olympics in Los Angeles, disclosed that an "agreement in principle" was reached with Soviet officials at meetings last Friday in Lausanne.

Sports

Liverpool vs. Israel Grobbelaar's taunt to Israeli forwards

By PAUL KOHN
Post Sports Reporter

Goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar does not harbour fond memories of Israel's strikers. When the perennial English soccer champions were here a year ago they were beaten 4-3. This afternoon they turn out at Bloomfield Stadium for a return friendly which will have the added bite of the best club side in the world seeking to erase the memory of that defeat.

So confident is the Zimbabwe-born goalkeeper that he will keep a clean sheet that he has promised through the columns of the tabloid *Hadashot* (sponsor of the game) that he will pay £200 out of his own pocket to any Israeli player who gets the ball into his net.

For Liverpool manager Joe Fagan the match will provide a useful warm-up to see how his side adapts to warm climes before next week's European Cup final against Roma in Italy.

Although Liverpool will miss the services of super-striker Ian Rush, on duty for Wales, and Scottish international John Wark who is not eligible for the team, there is hardly a dearth of talent in their ranks. Keenly Delgado spearheads the attack with international stars Soames, Lee, Neale, Whelan and Lawrence all playing the latter two were members of the Euro international side beaten 3-0 here by Israel last month.

Two of Israel's most talented defenders, captain Avi Cohen formerly on Liverpool books, and David Pignatelli, may be forced out of the game after sustaining injuries in Saturday's league matches.

Victory Peretz is slated to join Zahi Arnell and Eli Ohana in the Israeli strike force but coach Yosef Mironowich may opt for sentiment rather than current form. He could bring on Benny Tabak who smashed all four goals past Grobbelaar last season.

Before kick-off *Hadashot* will award trophies to their joint footballers-of-the-year, Arnell and Ohana. The game will be immediately after the 4.30 p.m. ceremony.

Masterly Kareem

PHOENIX (AP) — Kareem Abdul-Jabbar scored 22 of his 31 points in the first half and Bob McLeod added 15 of his 23 in the second as the Los Angeles Lakers held on to beat the Phoenix Basketball Association playoff series.

The Lakers can wrap up the best-of-seven Western Conference finals with a win in game 5 tomorrow night in California.

Ahead 105-93 with 9:08 to go, Phoenix had four points apiece by reserve Abdul Scott and Charles Fittman plus Paul Westphal's jumper in out the game to 107-101. But "Masterly" Kareem, who had 20 points, converted a midcourt shot into a stuff and Abdul Jabbar's three point play made it 114-103 with 4:44 remaining.

After that, the sun never got close.

Gerald Henderson sparked a third quarter rally with 11 points and Larry Bird scored 11 of his 28 points in the final quarter to lift Boston to a 109-100 victory over the Milwaukee Bucks. That gives the Celtics a commanding 3-0 in their semi-final series.

Tigers continue their rampage

NEW YORK (AP) — The Detroit Tigers continue to roll up the victories. A 4-3 triumph on Sunday over the Oakland A's improved their record to a major league-best 32-5. Rookie Dwight Lowry slammed his first major league homer and Milt Wilcox and Willie Hernandez combined on a four-bitter for baseball's hottest team.

Wilcox, 6-4, scattered three hits and allowed two runs over six innings. Hernandez took over and gave up an eight-inning homer to Mike Heath.

Detroit scored their eventual winning run in the fourth on an RBI single by Barbaro Garbey. The Tigers, on a six-game winning streak, are now 27 games over .500. They are 14-3 this month and have swept 10 series this season. Cal Ripken Jr. broke a 16-game slump with a two-run homer and Mike Flanagan maintained his unbeaten career home record against Seattle as the Baltimore Orioles edged the Mariners 5-1.

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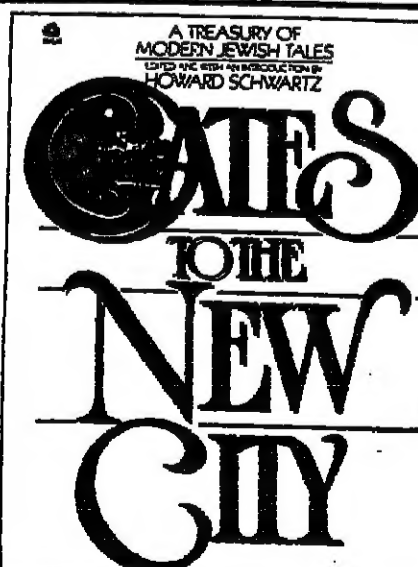
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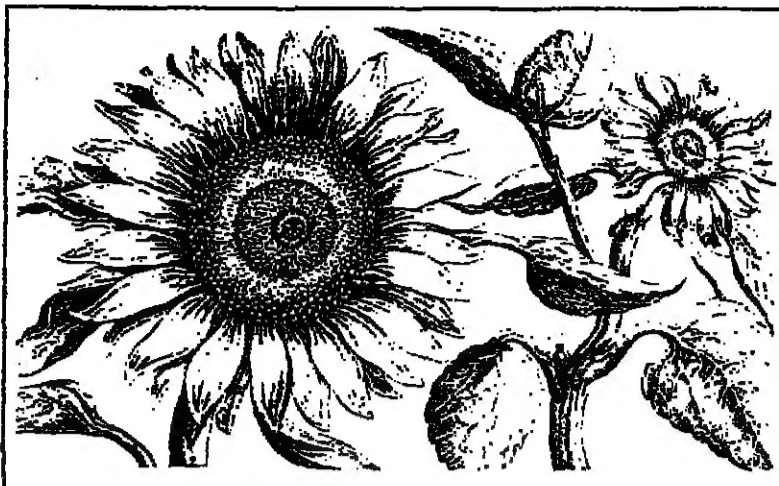
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A 16th century woodcut of a sunflower.

perennials grow best in light soil (with added sand or vermiculite). They need plenty of sunshine. Both kinds can be raised from seed in late spring and thinned out as necessary. Discard the annuals after they finish flowering; increase perennials by division of rootstock in spring or autumn. Both kinds reach a height of about 60-70cm.

Delphinium (larkspur, *darvanit* in Hebrew). This plant too has annual and perennial species, all native to southern Europe. Delphinium flowers in summer, mainly in light or dark-blue, but sometimes also in white, red or pink. Both annual and perennial delphiniums grow as high

value. Foxglove is most often treated as a biennial, but when properly protected by mulching in winter, it will live for several seasons.

Helianthus multiflorus, (perennial sunflower, *hamanit rabat prahim* in Hebrew) is a tall-growing plant with golden yellow flowers. It needs a sunny location, rich soil and regular watering. Propagation by seed in late spring. Thin out to half a metre between plants. Don't transplant.

Helianthus tuberosus, (topinambur or Jerusalem artichoke, *hamanit hupekau* in Hebrew). Long stems, up to 1.50 metres with many, marguerite-like yellow flowers with black hearts. This plant needs daily watering in summer, but no watering at all during winter. Cut all faded flowers, but leave the stalks in the ground as long as they are green. Later cut them down to ground level. The tubers are edible and sporadically appear at greengrocers and vegetable markets in this country. Land of origin: America.

Senecio petasitis (*savon rehav-alim* in Hebrew), a tall and stately species worthy of a place in the perennial border. Its yellow flowers appear in early spring. This plant, whose maximum height is two metres, is native to China and Japan and belongs to the composite family. For many years it has been growing here in private gardens and public parks. Propagation by stem cuttings in spring or autumn. *Savon rehav-alim* needs a lot of water during the warm days of late spring. Shrinking, pendulous leaves indicate lack of moisture. Daily watering is necessary during summers.

Tall growing bulb flowers like lilies, dahlias, cannas, callas and gladioli also have a place in the background perennial border.

THE SECOND half of May is an excellent time to sow or to plant edibles for late summer and autumn. You can't choose every vegetable for

this, every crop has its season. If you would sow radish seeds now, you would get long stems and insignificant flowers instead of thick, edible roots. Spinach sown now would bloom instead of producing tasty leaves for cooking. It's too hot now for winter crops.

Okra or lady's fingers (*Hibiscus esculentus*, *bamia* in Hebrew) is a popular vegetable in Israel, available fresh or canned. It belongs to the malvaceae family (related to cotton, hibiscus, hollyhock and others). This plant was brought to America long ago together with slaves from Africa. It became popular and about a hundred years ago spread to Europe and beyond. The young, tender pods are used mainly in soups and stews, although they are excellent when boiled and served hot or cold as a salad.

Bamia has been grown here since the Mandatory period. The unusually decorative, large, creamy-white flowers, resembling single hollyhocks, are quickly followed by edible pods. Okra will thrive in any well-drained, fertile garden soil. For quicker germination, soak the seeds overnight in lukewarm water and sow in rows 3-4cm. deep and 50cm. apart. Thin out to half a metre between plants. Bamia, which is exceptionally free from insects or diseases, needs frequent watering and occasional weeding. Picking of pods may be necessary every day or two - harvest promptly or pods will become woody and unfit for cooking. Okra is very rich in vitamins A, B and C. Its decorative flowers make it a good idea for container growing. Move indoors when plants are in full bloom.

Bush beans (*phaseolus vulgaris*, *she-uit* in Hebrew) are a summer crop, one of the most satisfying vegetables for home gardens, and they are easy to grow. Sow in flower pots or similar containers filled with ordinary garden soil and use them like bamia as a room-decorating ornamental during their blooming period. Beans, native to tropical America, were cultivated by the Indians long before the white man came to the New World. In Israel beans serve for many different dishes.

Beans thrive in any kind of soil and should be sown 3-4cm. deep. Some well decayed compost should be worked in around the germinating seeds.

The following additional warm-weather vegetables can be sown in May: cucumbers, melons, marrows, sweet corn, New Zealand spinach, sunflowers for seeds and peanuts. Seedlings of tomatoes, eggplants and peppers can still be planted in May.

Growing your own vegetables is economical and it's fun. The time to start is now.

sandi, tritones and other difficult intervals, chromatic progressions and even aleatorics. These composers provided exciting experiences, acquainting the youngsters with integral components of contemporary music. Nevertheless all pieces proved to be within the potential of performance.

While space does not permit discussion of the compositions, two pieces stood out and deserve special mention - Mar-Haim for his surprising inventiveness, fantasy and humour in his *Bird Dances* and Mary Even-Or for her deeply inspired and excellently written *Holy Curtain* (*Purocher*). Noa Guy also showed daring in her *Lemuel's Words*.

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An exciting project

MUSIC / Benjamin Bar-Am

The pieces of the six composers were sheer delight. Josef Mar-Haim (*Pa'amoni* choir conducted by Eilat Junger); Aharon Harlap (in his first song only) (*Neve-Shir* - Petah-Tikva choir, conducted by Natan Margalit); Mary Even-Or (the combined choir of Mizra and the Haifa Conservatory, conducted by Shimon Ben-Amil Avraham).

Amzallag (Ha'efroni - Emek-Her secondary school choir, conducted by Maya Shavit); Noa Guy (the combined choir of the Jerusalem Conservatory and Be'er Sheva schools, conducted by Avram Merozi); and finally Tzvi Aron, writing for the choir of the Israeli Conservatory, Tel Aviv. All did a splendid job. Using contemporary techniques, clusters, glis-

The way of cults

By LEA LEVAVI / Jerusalem Post Reporter

Judaism movements as cults: "If the *rebbe* decides whom you should marry, of whether you or your child should have an operation the doctor says is necessary, then that's a cult where people have given up their freedom of thought and decision and put all the responsibility on the leader," one man said.

Another woman participant said return to Judaism is worse than cults. "Cults, at least, are tolerant; you can do your own thing as long as you let them do theirs. The ultra-Orthodox Jews are bigoted."

All the participants came from kibbutzim and moshavim, but only some of them knew of cases where people from their settlements had been attracted to cults. Some have

left their kibbutzim to join the communes run by the cults they have joined.

There were also comments on a *Jerusalem Post* report about possible missionary work in kibbutzim. One woman related a case where a girl in an *ulpan* on her kibbutz was converted and left the kibbutz to join a Jesus group in Israel; the volunteer who converted her was asked to leave the kibbutz.

A woman from another kibbutz said a volunteer had offered to give a Bible class to volunteers and *ulpan* students, but the class was stopped after it was discovered that he was teaching only those parts of the Bible which had Christian implications. "It's all done with a lot of love,"

someone said, "and that's the most frightening part. The kids go to cults for love and security; we must be doing something wrong."

The mother of a young man who joined the Rajneeshi cult said she blames herself for not having given him a Jewish education. Others said there is a certain percentage of people in every society, often among the most intelligent and capable people, who cannot integrate into society as it is and want to escape from it into a cult instead of fighting to make it better.

"Parents try their best, but sometimes things just don't work the way you want," said one man. "My father, for instance, wanted me to be a Zionist in America, and look what happened."

He suggested that a way be found to expose young people to a wide variety of ideas, including those spouted by cults, to teach them to think critically and to analyze what people try to sell them.

The workshop leader wondered aloud if that was, in fact, such a good idea: "Should you give a kid marijuana in the hope that he will decide it's not for him, or should you try to keep him away from it for fear that if he tries it he may like it? You can ask the same question about cults," she said.

She urged workshop participants not to be frustrated about the lack of "hard facts" as to the extent of the cult phenomenon in Israel, or the lack of definite answers as to what can be done about it. The very fact that the subject was discussed is, in itself, important, she said.

The all-day conference, which also included workshops on Jewish identity, understanding among Jews, the role of non-Jewish volunteers on kibbutzim and other topics, attracted about 75 members of the Americans and Canadians in Israel from 31 kibbutzim and moshavim around the country.

Religion on the high seas

By DAVID RUDGE / Jerusalem Post Reporter

WHERE WOULD a Moslem appeal to a rabbi because he does not want to eat pork? In the American sixth fleet.

Moslem sailors sought the help of Rabbi Lt. Commander Arnold Resnicoff to resolve a dietary problem which involved the cooking of eggs in pork fat.

Resnicoff, one of the fleet's three-member interfaith chaplain corps, arranged for them to have their eggs cooked separately in a microwave oven.

He has been involved in arranging supplies of religious items, including rosary beads for Catholic sailors. And he was instrumental in suspending all but essential services on board an aircraft-carrier for two hours on a Sunday morning to enable Protestant sailors to hold a religious service.

Conversely, his two colleagues, Catholic priest Captain Robert Riley, the head of the chaplain team, and Protestant minister Commander William Broughton, have helped Jewish sailors to obtain religious items.

In an interview with *The Jerusalem Post* recently to mark the end of their two-year tour of duty, the three men spoke about the operation of their special unit.

The Mediterranean-based Sixth Fleet is comprised of up to 20 ships and approximately 30,000 men and women. One-third are Catholic, another third are Protestant and the remainder are Jews and members of other ethnic groups.

The interdenominational unit was established two years ago on an experimental basis, and the three chaplains were attached directly to the staff of the Sixth Fleet commander, Vice Admiral Edward Martin.

The aim was to administer to the specific religious needs of the sailors while supporting their rights to practice their religion. The experiment has proved an unqualified success and it is to be continued, with replacements being sent for the three chaplains.

"WE COME from a country where freedom of religion is allowed, and one of the mandates of the U.S.

Navy is to exercise that right," says Riley. "The chaplain team was set up with that in mind. Here, we have the real story of the priest, the rabbi and the minister."

"We have to accept each other and we do not try to proselytize or steal each other's sheep. You could not do a job like this unless you respect the other persons' belief. We joke with each other from time to time, but that is good."

According to Broughton, the three men had built on the concept that the ecumenical spirit is alive and well.

"We have demonstrated that we can work and live together despite our differences. Our concern has been to manifest the best that religion offers in all its forms," he says.

On April 27, says Resnicoff, the Sixth Fleet held a formal ceremony to commemorate the Holocaust. It was the first time that this had been done and the service, held on board the fleet's flagship Pagan Sound, which was anchored in Malaga, Spain, was attended by officers, men and women of all denominations. He said Vice-Admiral Martin was one of the main speakers.

Resnicoff, who was encouraged to become a rabbi by a Catholic priest, maintains that there is no conflict of interest for a religious person who serves in the armed forces.

He stresses that Judaism is not a pacifist religion, noting that the celebration of Hanukkah marked the first recorded event in history when men and women fought for religious freedom and not for land or power.

"It [Judaism] does not say that there is never a time to take a stand. Part of faith is having to take a risk and make sacrifices when necessary," he says.

Resnicoff was recently given an award by a Philadelphia-based religious organization for his work in rescuing wounded Marines from the American military headquarters in Beirut following the suicide car bomb attack earlier this year. He wrote about the experience and his remarks were used by American President Ronald Reagan when he addressed a Baptist Fundamentalist convention in Washington last month.

IN MEMORIAM

J. Robert Fisher

IT IS VERY DIFFICULT to speak of Bob in the past tense, for it is difficult to conceive that one will no longer walk into the King David and see his smiling face and have a chat with him. He is already very much missed by all those privileged to have known him.

I always thought of Bob rather as a sabra. He worked hard at presenting a "tough" exterior, but all his efforts could not conceal the gentle soul and the kindness of spirit. There were few people one could count on for help as one could count on him.

Israel in general and Jerusalem had a special place in his heart. His involvement with the Jerusalem

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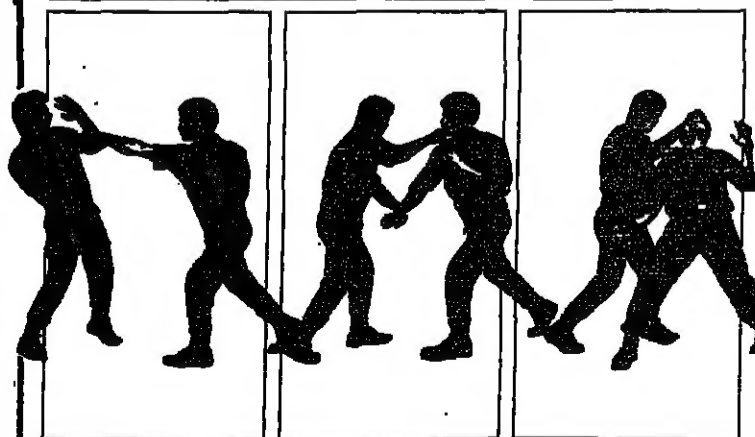
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by Col. David Ben-Asher
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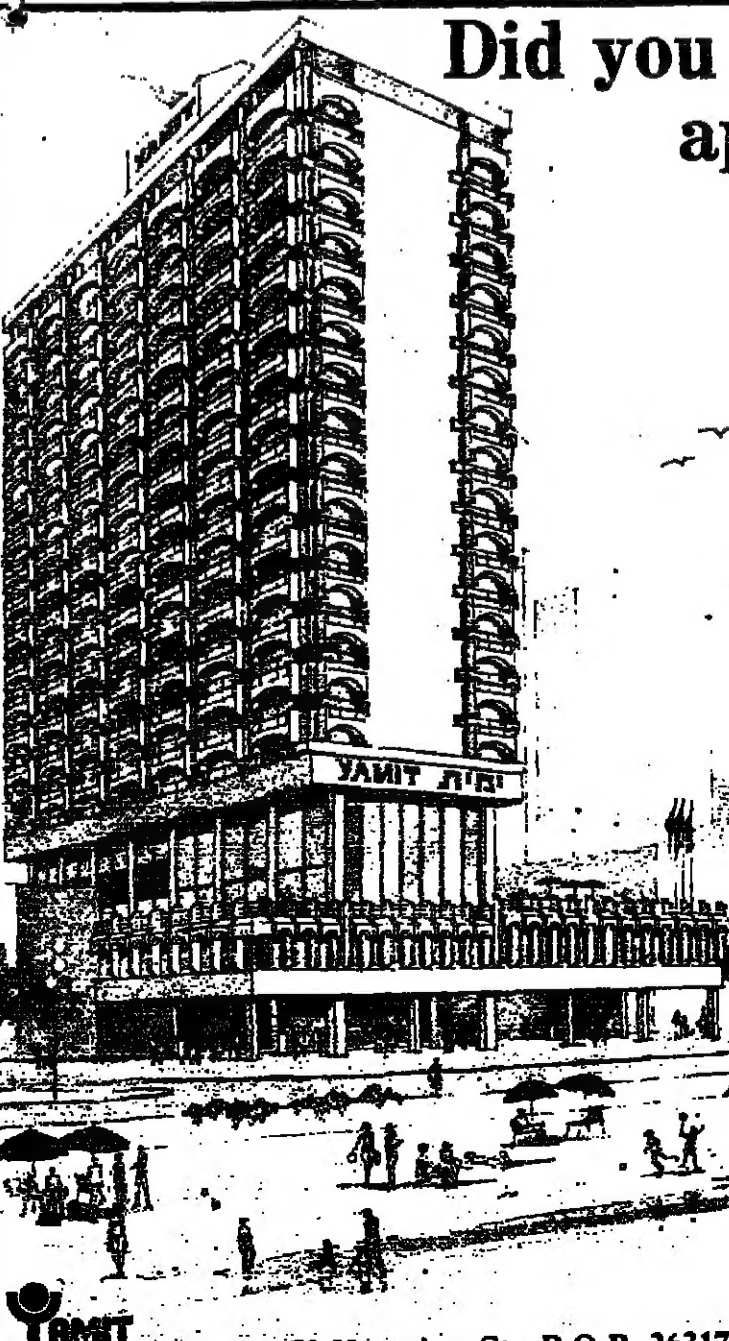
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Strong downward trend continues

TEL AVIV. — The sellers were out in force in the stock and bond markets yesterday, continuing the pattern established in Sunday's trading. Total turnover fell, but the atmosphere worsened, especially after the sharp falls in government backed securities.

"The selling came from all sides," said one broker, denying rumors that one or two of the few remaining investor groups had decided to cut their losses and quit the market. One such group, which reportedly operates through accounts in Bank Discount and Bank Hapoalim, has been prominent in recent months, accumulating positions in a broad range of shares. The fear of another Rieger-Fishman-style disaster — a reference to the collapse in January 1983 of the group of mutual funds managed by Yossi Rieger and Eliezer Fishman, which ended the boom of 1982, haunts many market participants even today, despite the much lower prices that now prevail.

As recently as last Thursday, most traders and fund managers had expected the market to maintain the dull, quiet and "dry" pattern that had been in evidence for the last few weeks. As is so often the case, the market action confounded the experts' consensus. Last week no-one could be persuaded to buy, apparently because of the superior attraction of the high interest offered

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By PINHAS LANDAU

on short-term deposits. There was also no large-scale selling, supposedly due to the very low prices offered. But this week has shown that large quantities of stocks will be brought to market, in the face of liquidity requirements and, more amazingly, these "goods" will be soaked up by a fairly large circle of buyers, who have both the money and the will to take up the offers made.

There is little doubt that the main sellers in the last two days have been the mutual funds. These have been forced to come to the market with large selling orders, in both bonds and shares, by the heavy rate of redemption of their units. These redemptions seem to be coming from the money managers and large individual investors, rather than from the general public who, by all accounts, is hardly active in the market in recent months.

The thinness of daily trading in many securities has apparently forced even the most professional of the managers to invest their funds in an indirect manner, through the mutual funds, rather than directly into the market. This is because even relatively small sums will give rise to sharp price swings, due to the lack of liquidity.

Faced with a sudden — and some say concerted — rush of redemptions, the funds have had to sell assets in order to raise the cash needed to meet their obligations. The largest amounts of liquid assets they have are government index-linked bonds and the bank shares covered by the "arrangement" with the Treasury.

The latter can always be sold, because the Bank of Israel is ready to step in and avoid dramatic falls.

Nevertheless, the sudden increase in the amounts offered to it apparently took the central bank by surprise. On Sunday the bank's trader held up trading in the bank shares whilst he phoned Jerusalem for instructions. The result was that the bank spent almost IS1 billion in buying up "arrangement" shares, with only one or two per cent falls in price. Yesterday, the bank brought up shares for only IS500 million, but this time it allowed prices to slide by up to 5 per cent in most cases, before stepping in.

In the "free" market, by contrast, there was a greater willingness to buy, as many long-term investors are anxious to take advantage of the current slump to build-up or increase their positions in companies with a firm base or good prospects. So it was that the index of "arrangement" banks at 4-23 per cent fell by more than the General Share Index, which dropped only 3.64 per cent. The non-bank index dropped by only 2.93 per cent.

The "arrangement" banks took two thirds of the IS764m. turnover in shares, which was down from Sunday's IS1.25b. Bond volume, however, expanded yesterday to just over IS500m.

In the overall market, 340 shares fell, 151 of them by more than 5 per cent and 26 more were marked "sellers only." Only 52 issues rose, 10 sharply and one was registered as "buyers only."

Most active issues:

Hapoalim	4390	IS208.0m.	-230
Leumi	2790	IS160.0m.	-150
Mizrahi	2660	IS136.7m.	-140
Turnovers:			
Stocks	IS764.0m.		
Bonds	IS503.0m.		
Shares up:	52		
Shares down:	340		

Industrial exports to the U.S. up by 20%

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter
Industrial exports to the U.S. rose by some 20 per cent during the first quarter of the year, to \$364 million, compared with \$302m. in the January-March period of 1983, the Industry Ministry spokesman announced yesterday.

He added that the U.S. absorbs about 25 per cent of the country's entire industrial export, which came to some \$1.3 billion during 1983.

He also pointed out that since last year there has been a continuous increase in industrial exports to the U.S. This was caused by rising pro-

ductivity resulting from the rise in the value of the dollar against European currencies and by the economic recovery in the U.S.

BIG SHARE. — Two prominent Saudi Arabians, including a member of the Saudi royal family, have accumulated nearly 6 per cent of the Occidental Petroleum Company's stock to become its largest shareholders.

SUMMONS WITH NOTICE ACTION FOR A DIVORCE

Index No. G1742
SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF CHAUTAQUA
LEONA J. HAIMOVITZ, 30 Brigham Road, Apartment A-3, Fredonia, New York 14063, Plaintiff, against SHEMON HAIMOVITZ, address unknown.
Defendant.

To the above named Defendant: You are hereby summoned to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the notice set forth below.

Plaintiff designates Chautauqua County as the place of trial. The basis of the venue is plaintiff's address. Plaintiff resides at 80 Brigham Road, Apartment 1-3, Fredonia, New York 14063, County of Chautauqua.

NOTICE: The nature of this action is to obtain a judgment of divorce dissolving the marriage between the parties on the grounds of abandonment of the plaintiff by the defendant. The relief sought is a judgment of absolute divorce in favor of the plaintiff dissolving forever the bonds of matrimony between the parties in this action.

Dated: March 26, 1984
ROBERT H. DALEY, Attorney for Plaintiff
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Fredonia, New York 14063

FOREIGN CURRENCY

Yesterday's foreign exchange rates against the Israeli Shekel, for U.S. dollar transactions under \$2000 and transactions of other currencies under the equivalent of \$500.

US\$	195.1538	192.7471
Sterling	272.2382	268.8822
DM	70.5976	69.7272
French FR	22.9727	22.6894
Dutch G	62.7202	62.0164
Swiss FR	85.9704	85.0106
Swedish KR	24.0538	23.7592
Norwegian KR	24.8365	24.5303
Denish KR	19.2553	19.0179
Finnish MK	33.4109	32.9989
Canadian \$	150.6717	148.8394
Australian \$	152.3460	150.4680
Belgian Con(10)	34.7000	34.2722
Belgian Fin(10)	34.2644	33.8420
Austrian SH(10)	100.3098	99.0732
Yen(100)	83.7206	82.6885
Spanish Pts(100)	126.5008	124.9414
Italian Lire(1000)	114.6946	113.2806

GOLD: \$379.30/\$379.80/oz

INTERBANK SPOT RATES:

US\$	1.3940/50	per \$
DM	2.7630/40	per \$
Swiss FR	2.2700/10	per \$
French FR	8.4950/50	per \$
Italian Lire	1702.50/17	per \$
Dutch G	3.4100/00	per \$
Yen	233.00/10	per \$
Denish KR	10.1450/00	per \$
Norwegian KR	7.8525/75	per \$
Swedish KR	8.1075/11	per \$
Belgian Con	36.90/95	per \$
Belgian Fin	36.13/16	per \$

FORWARD RATES:

US\$	1.3957/77	1.4026/30	6 mos.
DM	2.7500/10	2.7525/28	12 mos.
Swiss FR	2.2550/64	2.2550/64	2.1805/23

Commercial Banks

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Bank of Israel	1980	9	n.c.
Bank Leumi	705	963	+64
Bank Hapoalim	1703	62	+15
Bank Mizrahi	1273	108	-21
Bank Discount	2632	27	-1
Bank Haherut	310	50	+15
Bank Hahinukh	79	2586	+1
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Mortgage Banks

Bank	Volume	Change	%
Bank of Israel	1281	4	-40
Bank Leumi	1000	7	n.c.
Bank Hapoalim	1381	149	-84
Bank Mizrahi	1149	84	-12.1
Bank Discount	283	187	-8
Bank Haherut	1659	20	-91
Bank Hahinukh	412	115	n.c.
Bank Hahinukh	440	7	-18
Bank Hahinukh	230	142	-27
Bank Hahinukh	3420	n.c.	n.c.
Bank Hahinukh	2200	n.c.	n.c.
Bank Hahinukh	1100	11	-90
Bank Hahinukh	864	117	-153
Bank Hahinukh	2090	15	-1.8
Bank Hahinukh	360	411	-4
Bank Hahinukh	178	90	-4
Bank Hahinukh	148	29	-3
Bank Hahinukh	86	268	-34
Bank Hahinukh	250	350	-5

Financial Institutions

Bank	Volume	Change	%
Bank of Israel	73	589	-3
Bank Leumi	1130	50.1	-11.5
Bank Hapoalim	10700	n.c.	n.c.
Bank Mizrahi	17000	n.c.	n.c.
Bank Discount	1127	5	n.c.
Bank Haherut	1179	4	n.c.
Bank Hahinukh	42000	n.c.	n.c.
Bank Hahinukh	26500	n.c.	n.c.
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Bank Hahinukh	25999	n.c.	n.c.
Bank Hahinukh	8102	132	n.c.
Bank Hahinukh	19100	n.c.	n.c.
Bank Hahinukh	336	348	-3
Bank Hahinukh	324	30	-11
Bank Hahinukh	1282	42	n.c.

Insurance

Bank	Volume	Change	%
Bank of Israel	475	50.1	-25
Bank Leumi	319	125	-51
Bank Hapoalim	4340	n.c.	n.c.
Bank Mizrahi	770	13	+22
Bank Discount	260	34	-10
Bank Haherut	140	174	-10
Bank Hahinukh	270	26	+5
Bank Hahinukh	135	22	n.c.
Bank Hahinukh	575	364	n.c.
Bank Hahinukh	1000	3	n.c.
Bank Hahinukh	437	50	+37
Bank Hahinukh	885	5	n.c.
Bank Hahinukh	817	112	n.c.
Bank Hahinukh	1042	10	-17
Bank Hahinukh	283	10	-1.2
Bank Hahinukh	123	171	-1
Bank Hahinukh	83	50.1	-7
Bank Hahinukh	1040	8	+10
Bank Hahinukh	325	8	-15
Bank Hahinukh	135	8	-15
Bank Hahinukh	530	58	-40
Bank Hahinukh	289	10	n.c.
Bank Hahinukh	124	266	-12

Trade and Services

Bank	Volume	Change	%
Bank of Israel	520	233	n.c.
Bank Leumi	315	105	n.c.
Bank Hapoalim	178	88	-31
Bank Mizrahi	134	10	-13
Bank Discount	40	664	-4
Bank Haherut	338	174	-32
Bank Hahinukh	500	29	-45
Bank Hahinukh	215	35	-4
Bank Hahinukh	1255	3	+4
Bank Hahinukh	250	30	-1
Bank Hahinukh	850	110	-20
Bank Hahinukh	436	555	n.c.
Bank Hahinukh	377	67	-93

Services

Bank	Volume	Change	%
Bank of Israel	2610	136	-130
Bank Leumi	950	31	-10
Bank Hapoalim	660	33	-10
Bank Mizrahi	628	124	-69
Bank Discount	385	700	-25
Bank Haherut	20520	1848	-9.9
Bank Hahinukh	11000	15	n.c.
Bank Hahinukh	446	103	-32
Bank Hahinukh	276	168	-31
Bank Hahinukh	110	5	-2.4
Bank Hahinukh	423	138	+4
Bank Hahinukh	290	117	-7
Bank Hahinukh	230	5	-15
Bank Hahinukh	238	n.c.	n.c.
Bank Hahinukh	108	50.1	-12

Industrials

Bank	Volume	Change	%
Bank of Israel	173	100	+3
Bank Leumi	61	38	-7
Bank Hapoalim	52	40.1	-4
Bank Mizrahi	2000	4	-80
Bank Discount	216	483	n.c.
Bank Haherut	610	34	n.c.
Bank Hahinukh	130	165	-19

Food and Tobacco

Bank	Volume	Change	%
Bank of Israel	495	195	-25
Bank Leumi	415	174	-25
Bank Hapoalim	233	131	-15
Bank Mizrahi	506	106	-4
Bank Discount	394	87	+29
Bank Haherut	359	224	-4
Bank Hahinukh	1248	102	-1.7
Bank Hahinukh	632	3	-10
Bank Hahinukh	505	126	-30
Bank Hahinukh	2116	33	n.c.
Bank Hahinukh	3450	7	-30
Bank Hahinukh	1418	4	-157

Chemicals, Rubber, Plastics

Bank	Volume	Change	%
Bank of Israel	903	70	-1
Bank Leumi	77	80	-12.1
Bank Hapoalim	240	307	+15
Bank Mizrahi	1008	10	n.c.
Bank Discount	272	79	-16
Bank Haherut	450	17	-3.7
Bank Hahinukh	172	30	-10.4
Bank Hahinukh	94	50.1	-10
Bank Hahinukh	2560	8	+121
Bank Hahinukh	800	24	-60
Bank Hahinukh	620	85	n.c.

Textiles and Clothing

Bank	Volume	Change	%
Bank of Israel	121	54	-9
Bank Leumi	306	20	-2
Bank Hapoalim	275	17	n.c.
Bank Mizrahi	115	1	-1
Bank Discount	426	28	-2
Bank Haherut	59	59	+3.2
Bank Hahinukh	30	338	-4
Bank Hahinukh	36	266	-7
Bank Hahinukh	75	5	-3.1
Bank Hahinukh	63	355	-2
Bank Hahinukh	26	1612	-4
Bank Hahinukh	264	335	+8
Bank Hahinukh	185	143	+2
Bank Hahinukh	90	20	-5.3
Bank Hahinukh	65	172	n.c.
Bank Hahinukh	121	61	n.c.
Bank Hahinukh	79	125	n.c.
Bank Hahinukh	169	98	-10
Bank Hahinukh	143	46	-7
Bank Hahinukh	155	24	-5.1
Bank Hahinukh	63	132	-9

Metals and Metal Products

Bank	Volume	Change	%
Bank of Israel	259	10	-7

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Oil to quench the flames

FOR ALMOST four years now, Iran and Iraq have been slugging it out in an apparently inconclusive war which has taken a tremendous toll in lives and material on both sides.

The world has, by and large, grown accustomed to the seemingly endless blood-letting in the Gulf, and no one has taken any effective steps to end the conflict.

The super-powers have been careful not to become involved, with the United States, in particular, stressing its neutrality.

Earlier this year, however, Iraq served notice that it was not going to let the rest of the world stand aloof while it was bled to death — even if this was a consequence it had brought upon itself by launching its ill-considered drive into Iran in late 1980.

Baghdad's ploy was transparent. It disregarded for the first time the taboo against disrupting oil supplies in the Gulf by attacking Iran's vital Kharg Island terminal. This was followed later by attacks on tankers carrying Iranian crude, which, in turn, provoked Iranian attacks on other tankers using the Gulf.

And for the first time since the fighting started, the West — particularly Japan, which derives some 65 per cent of its total energy requirements from the Gulf, and Europe, which derives about 35 per cent — has been gripped by a real fear that the war could begin to seriously affect its oil supplies. As a result, despite the current glut on the world markets, oil prices have once again started to rise as the world moves towards what could be yet another energy crisis.

There is reason to believe, however, that Iraq had another, complementary, goal in mind when it decided to escalate the Gulf war out of its immediate regional context.

If there is one thing that might break the current stalemate in the fighting, which is taking a huge toll on both sides with no significant advantage accruing to either, it would be the intervention of one or the other of the two super powers.

And here, the U.S. is on hazardous ground: it has pledged itself to intervene with force, if Iran closes the Straits of Hormuz at the entrance to the Gulf in retaliation for disruption of its oil exports.

Clearly mindful of this, Iraq appears bent on provoking Iran to take that last decisive step that would bring the U.S. into the war, firmly on Baghdad's side.

Iran has so far acted with uncharacteristic restraint, noting that it would not allow Iraq to stampede it into carrying out its threat to close the straits.

But there is no guarantee that this restraint will continue in the face of continuing Iraqi provocation. And if Iran finally gives way, and does close the Straits of Hormuz, Washington could find itself trapped — by Iraq — into another Lebanon-like involvement. Only this time, the stakes could be much higher.

The growling bear

IN WASHINGTON officials said the warning was not new. In Europe, western diplomats said the warning was an attempt to influence the U.S. presidential election. Both were absurdly wrong.

These "informed" opinions referred to the brutally-worded interview of Soviet Defence Minister Dmitri Ustinov with the official news agency Tass earlier this week.

Ustinov said that the Soviet Union had increased the number of submarines off the U.S. coast and could deliver a nuclear strike on American targets in 10 minutes. Turning to Europe, he warned that Russia would increase the number of missiles on its own territory and in Eastern Europe each time new U.S. missiles were deployed in the West. These Soviet missiles, he said, would be unleashed against Europe and the U.S. in the event of any attack on the USSR or its allies.

The Soviets have blustered before, but mostly in more general terms, or anonymously. To brandish their rockets so explicitly, and by their defence minister, cannot be considered routine.

They are resorting to a favourite tactic — intimidation — in typical bloody-minded fashion. They wish to intimidate the Europeans into stopping the deployment of American Cruise and Pershing missiles, and they wish to intimidate the American electorate into voting against Mr. Reagan, who has become the nemesis of the Kremlin.

But the effects of their bullying are the reverse of what they intend. In Europe, they are confirming the worst suspicions about Soviet behaviour, and in the U.S. they are justifying Mr. Reagan's anti-Russian militancy.

What is most dismaying is that such Soviet dim-sightedness, such inability to read its external environment correctly, should be the salient characteristic of a power possessed with weapons of mass destruction.

It is apparently a fact too grotesque for Washington and Western officials either to admit or to publicly acknowledge.

FOUR GET LIFE

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country.

Ibrahim Mohammed Siril, 26, of Hebron was convicted of being the leader of the group and of having given the order to kill Gross. Prior to sentencing he said that he and the group had acted in order "to conduct a jihad (holy war) against the government, against the occupation and against the circumstances which allow the raping of our land."

He apparently joined the organization and was trained while working in Saudi Arabia. No connection between the organization and the PLO emerged during the proceedings.

Life sentences were also passed on Adnan Abu Sneh, 22, Ziad Abu Sneh, 21, and Hani Abu

Daba'at, 19, all of Abu Tor in Jerusalem who were found guilty of the actual stabbing.

Tahsir Sha'alan, 20, of Abu Tor and Taher Sarsur, 19, of Hebron were sentenced to 25 years; Na'ah Askar, 24, of Hebron to 20 years and El'Azzat Rajabi of Hebron to 10 years.

The small courtroom inside the well-guarded compound of the Nablus military government headquarters was crowded with Gross's family and West Bank settlers and the families of the accused.

Aluf-Mishne Amnon Strashnov, president, assisted by two reserve legal officers: Shmuel Finkelman, a Jerusalem district court judge and Haim Shapira, a former Tel Aviv judge and now a practising lawyer.

The importance of Kessar

By YOSEF GOELL

ISRAEL KESSAR, the newly installed secretary-general of the Histadrut, last week warned the members of the executive who voted for him to succeed Yehoram Meshel not to be misled by his mild and soft-spoken manner.

It is not quite clear what he intended by that warning. On the one hand it could mean that he has all the makings of the sort of *realpolitik* apparition who have been running the Histadrut for years.

On the other hand, it could mean that Kessar, despite his patient rise in the Histadrut apparatus during which he excelled in not making waves, and in not stepping on the toes of the baronial bosses of the labour federation, could turn out to be its Alexander Dubcek.

Dubcek, for those who have forgotten (or who never knew), was the unassuming trouble-shunning apparition who rose to head the Czech Communist party in the 1960s, and once, having reached the top, proceeded to bring about a revolutionary liberalization of that moribund communist system. The revolution was short-lived and Dubcek was eventually deposed and purged.

The Dubcek analogy is admittedly a frightening one. But then Israel and its labour movement are not communist Czechoslovakia and there is no Soviet Red Army around the corner to reimpose party orthodoxy by tank cannons and bayonets as happened so tragically in unhappy Prague in 1968. And of course there is not only Dubcek. There is also the example of China's Deng Xiao-ping.

WHAT has characterized the soft-spoken, talented Kessar during the entire course of his rise to the top of the Histadrut bureaucracy has been

the great care and circumspection he has taken not to appear to be too much in a rush.

It would be a monumental case of lost opportunities if Kessar would continue to tread as warily as he has during his entire career, now that he has reached the top.

For the Histadrut, which he now heads, can certainly stand a gigantic dose of revolutionary changing.

The Histadrut was one of the most extraordinary creations of the newly constituted Jewish society in this country. It is very far from being merely a federation of the country's trade unions, although its membership includes nearly all the salaried workers in the country, who, with their families, constitute well over 75 per cent of the population.

THE HISTADRUT was intended from the outset to be a socialist commonwealth in microcosm, operating first within the alien British colonial state and later within the independent Israel.

As such, it grew to become the most dominant economic entity in the country, owning or controlling close to 25 per cent of the economy and employing a similar proportion of the country's labour force.

In the seventh decade of its existence, it has also become a congeries of entrenched, politically intertwined bureaucracies from whom the membership of over two million Israelis is woefully alienated.

In the present situation in which the 15-year-old quicksand-based prosperity of the large majority of Israelis is fast coming to an end, regardless of who wins the forthcoming elections, Secretary-General Kessar will naturally find himself

immersed in heroic attempts to guarantee that Israel's workers are

not the only ones to bear the brunt of the painful return to economic reality.

But he will be short-sighted indeed if he neglects the equally heroic task of compelling the Histadrut bureaucracies to return to serving the members for whom they were created by the innovative generation of founding fathers.

THE TRUTH is that there is no way to prevent a reduction in the real standard of living of the overwhelming majority of Israelis during the next few years of economic retrenchment. This is the price that must be paid for the profligacy and economic and political madness of the past few years.

But an intelligent and daring use of the potentials that are such an integral part of the Histadrut could certainly serve as shock-absorbers to make the painful transition more bearable for the majority of Israel's workers.

They can also be used to spearhead the renewal of economic growth that is the only remedy for our economic ills.

Examples of the things that have to be turned around are legion:

□ THE *raison d'être* of Bank Hapoalim, the Histadrut's banking giant is NOT to be one of the 100 largest banking concerns in the world. It is intolerable to conceive that in a period in which the country's major banks have joined hands to exploit their depositors in their inflationary weakness that a bank which is "owned" by Histadrut members should be in the forefront of such efforts.

An independent baronial Bank Hapoalim cannot be expected to behave otherwise. But a bank that

Dry Bones



sees itself as an arm of a workers' federation must be made to change.

□ KUPAT HOLIM is one of the most remarkable creations of the Histadrut and still delivers some of the best medical care in the world on a mass scale. But the membership which it serves is largely alienated and large numbers of children of members upon reaching adulthood leave it if they only can.

The problem here is that Kupat Holim is controlled by public bodies which are constituted entirely by third-level political functionaries.

What is needed is a revitalization that can only come from a programme of decentralization of control, whereby neighbourhood groups of "member-clients" will wield effective control over the quality of service of their local and regional clinics and hospitals.

□ THE HISTADRUT of the pre-

state period was once in the forefront of the world consumer cooperative movement. For years ago, however, Hamashbir Hamercad outlets have been outstanding in fostering consumer snobism and is being particularly pricey.

There is an urgent need, especially in these times of eroding real income, to return to the real advantages inherent in the traditional principles of consumer cooperativism.

One could go on with examples numerous as the number and variety of Histadrut institutions.

The point, however, is Israel Kessar. He can choose to be merely another version of the unimaginative politicians whom he succeeds. Or he could make a real difference.

He will be judged on how much of a difference he makes, for he finally has the power to do exactly that.

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Highway robbery

By STEVEN E. PLAUT

largest one, two or five corporations.

There is no economic meaning to these "shares." Even highly concentrated industries often perform efficiently without monopolistic exploitation. Therefore government antitrust regulation of "concentrated" industries is often superfluous.

In other words, there is no reason for the government to label an industry a "trust," unless the government itself set up restrictions on competitive behaviour there.

ISRAEL IS a small country and, by the nature of things, many of its economic branches will be populated by a small number of producers. But this does not necessarily mean any distortion or economic damage. Local producers will extract monopoly profits only if the government sets up restrictions for them and prevents new competition.

Even if there were only a few producers in an industry, every attempt to hike prices and extract monopolistic profits would run up against problems. Additional domestic producers would thereby be enticed into the market, representing new competition. The very threat of new competition may be enough to prevent price increases, even if no new competitors actually enter the market.

But there is an even more important source of competition that prevents exploitation, even if there is only one single producer in the Israeli market: the rest of the world.

In a small country, one of the most important functions of imports is to "supply" competition, to prevent concentrated industries from scooping up unjustified profits.

It would be incorrect to judge the degree of "monopoly power" by the number of domestic producers in an industry or by their market "shares."

If, in some country, there was only one automobile producer, could we conclude that he had monopoly power? Of course not! As long as people could import cars, the "monopolist" would face constant competition from foreign producers. He would not be able to earn monopolistic profits.

The smaller a country is, the more essential it is for imports to enter freely to prevent monopolistic exploitation. When economic considerations demand a small number of producers in the local market, unrestricted imports are the only way to prevent inefficiency and distortions.

Israel's commercial policy regarding import restrictions is extremely harmful for lots of reasons. But one more reason is that it contributes to the proliferation of domestic monopolies, oligopolies and cartels. One

of the easiest recipes for extorting monopolistic prices in Israel is to lobby for import restrictions.

But beyond the prevention of imported competition, Israel's special interest groups seek and obtain monopoly powers by getting the government to prohibit domestic competition, enabling them to obtain high prices unobtainable under competition.

THE GOVERNMENT'S rationalizations for this highway robbery are based on economic illiteracy. It claims that competition will destroy industry and ultimately harm the consumer.

I suppose there will always be people who believe that the world is flat and there will always be politicians who believe that "cut-throat" competition is harmful. This is in spite of the fact that one can find any examples of "wild competition" hurting consumers. I doubt whether the government could find a single economist who justified restrictions on "wild competition."

Anyone who claims that he opposes "cut-throat" competition is really just against competition.

I, for one, am all in favour of unfair competition. "Fair competition" is a contradiction in terms; no one ever thinks the competition behaves fairly. Every restriction on "unfair" or "wild" competition will lead to monopoly profits.

When a corporation loses money or even goes bankrupt under "wild competition," that is just proof that it is an inefficient producer. Such

bankruptcies are welcome. When the inefficient producers leave the arena, only the efficient will remain, and these will earn normal profits.

The danger that competition will lead to the collapse of a whole industry or the emergence of monopolistic exploiters exists only in the feverish imagination of politicians, not in economic reality.

SETTING UP trusts is just one of the government's restrictions on competition. When the government bans out favours, subsidies, loans, contracts, etc. to its favourites, it creates barriers to competition. All other producers are at a competitive disadvantage. Hence, monopolies and oligopolies may emerge, even if the government doesn't officially announce their creation.

Examples of restrictions on competition in Israel are so common, it would be futile to try to list them all. Let me recall just one other example.

I hope there are no readers there suffering from the delusion that the purpose of the Ministry of Tourism is to increase and encourage tourism. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The purpose of the Ministry of Tourism is to increase the income and profits of hotel owners. After all, if the Ministry were trying to increase tourism, the last thing it would do would be to set up a road of hotels, preventing competition among them. Such an arrangement undoubtedly makes tourism more expensive and drives away tourists.

If we were to call a spade a spade, we would change the name of the Ministry of Tourism to the Ministry of Hotel Profits. Its symbol, like that of the inspector of the car market, should be a Jolly Roger.

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READERS' LETTERS

THE HISTORY OF ROSH PINA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — D'vora Ben Shaul's description of Rosh Pina — in your Independence Day Supplement was very interesting. However, the statement that "The Rothschilds founded it in 1883" is less than the whole story.

Rosh Pina may be said to have been founded twice:

First, in 1879 by a group of young men from Safad (headed by an uncle of mine, Joseph Friedman). Their aim was to try and "take out bread from the earth," instead of living on charity. They invested every penny they could get in purchasing land neighbouring an Arab village named Ja'neh and settled there. They called their settlement "Gey Oni" (a Hebrew phonetic rendering of Ja'neh).

These settlers knew next to nothing about tilling the land. What was worse, they invested all their money in the land and did not leave any even for seed. After three years, they realized that their experiment was doomed to failure.

Second, in 1882, a group of new

immigrants from the town of Monestir in Bessarabia headed by David Shoub purchased the land from most of the Gey Oni settlers (except one or two, including Joseph Friedman, who stuck to their land and joined the new group).

At the end of 1882, this group, which did have some agricultural experience, organized itself into what we would now call a cooperative settlement and named the place "Rosh Pina."

Baron Edmond de Rothschild came into the arena, but this was a later development. He sent some financial aid in August 1883, and at the beginning of 1884, he sent out his emissaries to find out whether Rosh Pina was a viable proposition.

Only in December 1884 did the assistance take on a regular form.

This is not intended to minimize in any way the basic importance of what the Rothschilds did for the Yishuv generally and Rosh Pina in particular.

Haifa.

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JUSTIFICATION FOR TERRORISM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — My mother, a recently arrived immigrant to Israel, received a letter at my address from the Movement for Israeli Arab Resettlement appealing for donations. It uses quotes from Rabbi Meir Kahane and the Bible to support its call to stop the rapes, the rioting, the rock-throwing, and to resettle the Arabs.

The ex-American religious fanatics living in the territories are trying to find a licence for violence in the Bible. Freedom of speech is not what I want to deny them rather, the use of the mail services to spread their justification for terror.

Moreover, I am curious to know how this organization got my mother's address.

I especially like the line: "Let's stop the rock-throwing!" Jews against Jews throwing rocks is all right, but Arabs against Jews is not. Maybe they want to resettle the Jews from Mea Shearim too!

Kfar Sava.

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